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#	ARTICLE	IF	CITATIONS
1	Metformin in prevention and treatment of antipsychotic induced weight gain: a systematic review and meta-analysis. BMC Psychiatry, 2016, 16, 341.	2.6	139
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18	Rating Scales validated for Sri Lankan populations. Sri Lanka Journal of Psychiatry, 2013, 4, 16.	0.1	18

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19	Increased Use of Medicinal Drugs in Self-Harm in Urban Areas in Sri Lanka. Archives of Suicide Research, 2008, 12, 366-369.	2.3	17
20	Major depressive disorder in Parkinson's disease: a cross-sectional study from Sri Lanka. BMC Psychiatry, 2014, 14, 278.	2.6	15
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