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**Peri-conceptional diet patterns and the risk of Gestational diabetes mellitus in South Indian women**

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