

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Non-inferiority of heart failure nurse titration vs heart failure cardiologist titration. ETIFIC multicentre randomized trial

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Societies all over the world, the ETIFIC team believes that there is an urgent need to deepen the knowledge on organizational issues in order to improve the implementation of HF guidelines.

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