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The papers that Dr Tao Yang has published:

1. Yang T, Hao L, Yang X, Luo C, Wang G, Lin Cai C, Qi S, Li Z. Prognostic value of derived neutrophil-to-lymphocyte ratio (dNLR) in patients with non-small cell lung cancer receiving immune checkpoint inhibitors: a meta-analysis. *BMJ Open*. 2021 Sep 2;11(9):e049123.