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QMed

<http://www.qmedin.com/medsites/journals.htm>

This site is a portal to other sites which in combination offer 93 medical research journals. Most were created in India, but published in English. This site redirects you to the journals, some of which you need to register with the site to access. Searching is done through the journal site not through QMed.

Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research

http://www.gfmer.ch/Medical_journals/Free_medical.php

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