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Main fields of research

Technology assessment and governance challenges related to biotechnology; public and stakeholder participation in scientific research