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Keywords: Hepatobiliary diseases and cancers, liver surgery, liver transplantation, advanced therapy of hepatobiliary diseases, basic and translational research on hepatobiliary diseases.



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| Review Article | 5000 | 350 | 50 | 6 | 10 |
| Meta analysis | 5000 | 350 | 50 | 6 | 10 |
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