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Aims and Scope

Public Health Nutrition provides an international forum for the publication and dissemination of research and scholarship in the form of peer-reviewed original papers and reviews, and for discussion in the form of e-mail, correspondence, and correspondence, with a specific focus on nutrition-related public health.

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