Hematology, Transfusion and Cell Therapy

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About the journal

Aims and scope

Hematology, Transfusion and Cell Therapy is a quarterly scientific publication of the Associação Brasileira de Hematologia, Hemoterapia e Terapia Celular (ABHH), Associazione Italo-Brasiliana di Ematologia (AIBE), Eurasian Hematology Oncology Group (EHOG), and Sociedade Brasileira de Oncologia Pediátrica (SOBOPE).

Hematology, Transfusion and Cell Therapy publishes original articles, review articles and case reports covering various areas in the field of hematology and hemotherapy.

Language

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