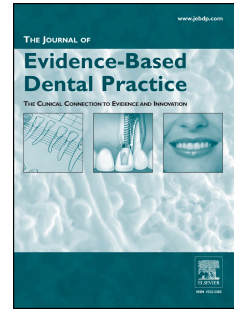


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Laser therapy has minimal clinical efficacy at reducing postsurgical complications after the removal of impacted mandibular third molars

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