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About this bulletin

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Journal articles were sourced from MEDLINE, Embase and APA PsycInfo, all on the Ovid platform. Grey literature was sourced from a range of relevant websites. For details of resources used and associated search strategies, please contact us using the details below.

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Recent journal articles

Highlights

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Gambling technology

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