**PERCEIVED SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENIC PRACTICES IN THE RESTAURANTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC: EVALUATION OF RESTAURANTS’ FUTURE**

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