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a

e

i

o

u

1. probl _ m

8. fac _ lty

2. med _ cal

9. foc _ s

3. mel _ n

10. tak _ n

4. cust _ m

11. s _ pply

5. hospit _ l

12. fest _ val

6. wom _ n

13. gard _ n

7. anim _ l

14. bal _ nce

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