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SHL DENIES UNILABS ACQUISITION RUMOUR

In response to market speculation about an acquisition of Unilabs, Switzerland, Sonic Healthcare wishes to advise that there is no substance to this rumour.

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