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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This letter did a good job of pointing out the deficiencies in the original study and the areas that need improvement. It also provides certain treatment ideas for related clinical work.