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Title: The importance of reproducibility in COVID-19 research: the case of population density and the spread of the pandemic

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In spite of the unfavorable outcome for this paper, we trust that you will continue to submit other manuscripts for publication in STOTEN.

Sincerely,  
Scott C. Sheridan, PhD  
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