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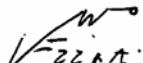
Dr Jennifer Sargent
Senior Editor, *Nature Medicine*

Dear Jennifer:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the letter by Mitchell and colleagues, which we have enclosed. As in the earlier version, we have tried to respond scientifically and with supporting evidence to all of these points, without mirroring the combative tone of the letter or in a few instances the statements that seem to have missed or misrepresented specific parts of the paper.

We would be happy to take guidance from the Editors in further amending our response as needed.

Sincerely,



Majid