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Examples:

“The population below age 15 shows improvements in survival.” Change to: “The population below age 15 show improvements in survival.”

“Average survival below 15 over states was 14.82” Can you improve the clarity here? What do you mean by “over states”? Also, do you mean “below age 15”?

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