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We hereby submit our amended manuscript after additional proof requests, as per May 16th 2011. Please read our comments to each of those additional requests below, in red.

Yours sincerely,
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