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Major Compulsory Revisions

In the discussion the authors should at least comment on the difference between statistical and clinical relevance and what a "meaningful difference" in this kind of pathology is and how it compares with what they found.

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

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