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1. Does the debate present a novel argument, or a novel insight into existing work?

YES, NOVEL INSIGHT

2. Does the debate address an important problem of interest to a broad biomedical audience?

SOMEWHA

3. Is the piece well argued and referenced?

NOT PARTICULARLY

4. Has the author used logical arguments and sound reasoning?

NOT PARTICULARLY

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NO METHODS, NO RESULTS, REALLY.

OVERALL, IT IS AN INTERESTING CONCEPT AND COULD BE USEFUL FOR DISTRIBUTION EVEN THOUGH THE CALIBER OF THE ARTICLE IS NOT STRONG.

I AM AT A LOSS DETERMINING A STRONG NEXT STEP FOR THIS PAPER. SUGGESTIONS?