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1. Does the debate present a novel argument, or a novel insight into existing work? yes
2. Does the debate address an important problem of interest to a broad biomedical audience? yes
3. Is the piece well argued and referenced? yes
4. Has the author used logical arguments and sound reasoning? yes
5. Is the piece written well enough for publication? yes

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- Major Compulsory Revisions - none

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