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Response:

We have added the line "The Institutional Review Board at Tufts Medical Center and Tufts University Health Sciences Campus declared that this study was not human subject research and therefore informed consent for this study was not collected." (Page 5).