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"Even though the mite does not transmit scrub typhus from a pet, the presence of a pet in the house may increase the presence of mites in the vicinity of the house."

Suggest to reword the above sentence to read as: "Although household pets have not been demonstrated to harbor mites transmitting scrub typhus, our study has demonstrated significant association of pets within the patients compared to controls, study of pets especially dogs and the likelihood of their harboring vectors such as ticks or mites that have a potential for transmitting scrub typhus may need further study."

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