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Title: High neutrophil to lymphocyte ratio confers poor prognosis in patients with small cell lung cancer

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Results:

Page 5, line 29/30 - check English - again "cooking" is mentioned.

Discussion:

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