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Dear Dr Meier,

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This would allow us to heavily promote the article given the amount of attention devoted to hepatitis at that time. If this would be possible we would be most appreciative and all authors are ready to review proofs right away.

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