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Title: Association of Catechol-O-Methyltransferase Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms, Ethnicity, and Sex in a Large Cohort of Fibromyalgia Patients

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for your comments. We have resolved the issues below.

Best,

Ashley

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