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Dear Dr. Oh

Manuscript ID BMJ.2015.028305.R3 entitled "Screening as a cause of the thyroid cancer epidemic in Korea: Evidence from a nationwide study"

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Yours sincerely,

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