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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the duplicate manuscript containing an electronic copy of the full-text manuscript in Word format (TreatmentofAutism_wjcp_2013_00742189_review.doc).

Title: Potential for Treatment of Severe Autism in Tuberous Sclerosis Complex

Authors: Tanjala T. Gipson, Gwendolyn Gerner, Mary Ann Wilson, Mary E. Blue, Michael V. Johnston

We reviewed the literature regarding autism in TSC to identify opportunities and potential barriers to treatment of children with severe autism. Our review identified available mechanism-based treatments with potential for impact in this population; however, these children are at risk for exclusion from clinical trials. Clearly defining the population and identifying reliable outcome measures were identified as a need for clinical trial design in this population.

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Sincerely yours,

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