Dear Dr ZZZ
The main disadvantage of this paper is a small number of cases.
The authors can not correct this deficiency. However, the authors acknowledge that "the study needs validation on a larger sample size".

In this case, the results of this paper and point of view of authors can be seen more as a hypothesis. This makes the publication of the article possible.
Best regards and wishes a happy New Year,
Prof. XXX YYY

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