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Study findings challenge or build on current knowledge. Results are accurately interpreted and applied. The information in the presentation will impact AT research, education, and/or clinical practice.	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
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