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<p>The text seems that each study group is divided into 1 placebo group and 6 study groups but does not specify how many individuals there are in each group including the placebo.</p> <p>In the same way, it is important to discuss whether the time periods of 30.60 and 90 days had an impact on their outcome variables.</p>	<p>Ok. Thank you. I think you're referring to the acute study. In the acute study, we had a total of 6 groups of which each group consist of 4 male rats and 4 female rats. However, during the study, because of the fear of the female rats getting pregnant (which is not good for our work), we separated the male rats from the female rats (that's 4 male rats/group and 4 female rats/group treated with same dose of tartrazine: together making a total of 8 rats/ group). I think this was clearly stated at the bottom of our table in yellow.</p> <p>Thank you for your observation. We actually did not want to include the discussion concerning variability in sex and duration because we were afraid of the number of pages. However, since you've made your point clearly, it will be added to the manuscript.</p>