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# Misinterpretation of time-to-first event curves can lead to inappropriate treatment

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*To the Editor:*

Great care should be taken when assessing the consistency of treatment effect over time based on a survival curve plot, and even more so when a treatment affects a repeating event end-point, such as exacerbations, rather than an event that can occur only once, like death.