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“This is the very first time we are able to demonstrate the impact of acne relapses on productivity and absenteeism,” explained senior author Dr. Charles Taieb, of the European Market Maintenance Assessment (EMMA), in France.