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half of dental care may easily choose to ignore the most common chronic non-communicable disease on our planet—dental care.

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