# Lower bounds for multicolor Ramsey numbers

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# More colors

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A better choice is G(n, p) with p = 0.454997 and  $n = p^{-t/2}$ .

# Thank you!