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I do not recommend this paper for publication. It considers bosonic strings with non-standard boundary conditions on the worldsheet. In effect, the author has imposed both open and closed string boundary conditions at the same time. This is not physically motivated nor is it demonstrated that the resulting truncation leads to a consistent theory.

At the beginning of section 4, the author states that all strings in type II theory should have periodic worldsheet boundary conditions. This is simply wrong. The open strings that couple to D-branes are a new ingredient in addition to the closed strings that were previously included in type II theories. These open strings do not satisfy periodic boundary conditions, and the fact that they don't is crucial for obtaining a dynamical description of D-branes.