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The section entitled 'Availability and requirements' was unintentionally omitted from the previous version. The manuscript has been amended to include that section with details regarding the requirements for using the software. Additionally, more information is included regarding the intention of the software development, which was purely a research effort to evaluate the viability and ease of development of a computer software system for assisting a user in evaluating an image for an outcome or exposure of interest. Thus a user-ready software package was not developed as part of this project and only a research version is available. However, the software can serve as a valuable template for other researchers interested in implementing a computer-aided assessment or diagnostic system for research and can readily be provided by contacting the corresponding author.