Author's response to reviews

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We appreciate your insight and agree with your requested clarification regarding the role in our clinical decision making of the family's input and the results of the perfusion scan.

We have added an additional paragraph just before the report's final paragraph to address this concern. The paragraph reads:

"The family's decision to withdraw care removed the burden of applying the results of the perfusion scan. We think, however, that lacking family input, the absent cerebral blood flow would have persuaded us to diagnose brain death."

We believe this addresses the concerns regarding the relative importance of both facts in our decision-making and hope it sufficiently clarifies any lingering questions. Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you soon.