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Dear Editor,
Thank you for your reply dated Feb. 15th 2007 regarding our above manuscript. We are pleased to know that based on the recommendation of the fourth reviewer, Dr. Michael C. MacLeod, our manuscript is acceptable for publication. We agree with Dr. MacLeod's comments that a prospective larger multi-centered study would be required to bring the technology to the clinic and the current report is a first step in that direction.

We have incorporated the above in the discussion section as suggested. Please see the last paragraph in the Discussion section (last seven sentences). We have also made editorial corrections as suggested and modified the manuscript. We have changed Introduction to Background, Materials and Methods to Methods, documented IRB approval of the study, renamed declaration of the competing interests to competing interests and included the specific contributions of the authors. Finally we have cropped the figures as suggested.

We hope the revised version is acceptable for publication. If you need any additional clarifications/modifications, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and best regards,

Sincerely,

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