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Dear Professor Rowles,

Enclosed you will find the re-submission of our manuscript entitled:

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In your e-mail from December 30, 2013 both reviewers were satisfied with the changes we made in manuscript version from November 25, 2013. Thus, no changes of the manuscript were required by the reviewers. However, you asked for confirmation of the changes by the approving bodies in Switzerland. Approval by the local Ethics committee was already included in the last revision. Approval by the local Ethics Committee and the federal Swissmedic will be send to you by separate e-mail.

In the included manuscript version from February 26, 2014, the following changes were made compared to the version from November 25, 2013 (marked used Word’s revision tracking):

- Affiliation of Dr Tarantino updated (moved to Heidelberg)
- Some minor editing (missing spaces)
- Highlighting (bold, italics, underline) of the changes made in the previous version were removed.

All authors have read and approved the new version of the manuscript. Thank you for your time and consideration of our revised manuscript.
Sincerely yours,

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On behalf of all authors