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Dear Tim

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We submit our responses to the most recent comments from the Editorial Board member as follows:

1. We have added Table 3 which provides histological diagnoses of the 111 excised lesions.

2. In the Discussion we clarify that the 7-point checklist was performed by two medically qualified researchers, one of whom was a plastic surgeon, and that inconsistent application of the checklist items is unlikely to explain the findings.

3. The AUCs were compared using the Hanley method, conducted manually by a biostatistician at the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre, University of Sydney (see Acknowledgements).

4. We have clarified the meaning of the abbreviations in Figures 2-4.

I trust that this represents our final revision of this paper and that we have now adequately responded to all the issues raised.

Yours sincerely

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