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Dear Dr Weiss

Thank you for allowing me to edit the manuscript. The suggested changes from Peter Dangerfield were all made and submitted in this revised manuscript. I also believe that the sample size raises the question of whether we proved beyond any doubt that the changes in the histopathology and MRI match exactly. This manuscript is submitted as a pilot study, and suggestions regarding future studies with larger cohorts are now incorporated into the script. Greg Day