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Dear Editor, Dr. Ya-Juan Ma,  
Conflict of Interest Statement:

The other authors collectively disclose there are no conflicts of interest.

I am the senior author and have the following disclosures:

I am a speaker for Given Imaging (Covidien) and a speaker, consultant and have a grant from Prometheus Laboratory. Otherwise I have no other financial disclosures pertinent to this study.

Sincerely Yours,



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Dear Editor, Dr. Ya-Juan Ma,

Here is our data sharing statement

**Data Sharing Statement**

Because the data may be the subject of future research by our team, we will not be able to share these data at this time. However, readers can request a copy a documented de-identified data set and documented copies of the analytic programs from Dr. Baharak Moshiree at [bmoshiree@med.miami.edu](mailto:bmoshiree@med.miami.edu). Data will be included in a SAS dataset, with the documented program. Requests will be honored, within 18 months of the e-publication date of this article, after a signed data use agreement is obtained.

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Here is our biostatistics statement :

**Biostatistics Statement**

The statistical review of the study was performed by a biomedical statistician, Professor Jonathan Shuster who is the 4<sup>th</sup> author of the manuscript. Dr. Shuster is the Director, Research Design and Analysis Program, at the University of Florida Clinical and Translational Science Institute. He performed the analysis and did extensive quality control review of the data. He has co-authored over 350 peer reviewed articles, including over 50 articles in biostatistical methodology.

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Dear Editor, Dr. Ya-Juan Ma,

Enclosed is our IRB Approval Statement:

This project (#406-2010) was reviewed and approved by the University of Florida Institutional Review Board September 2, 2010. The Memorandum confirming its approval is attached below.

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Dear Editor, Dr. Ya-Juan Ma,

**Informed Consent Statement**

This study was a retrospective chart review using a de-identified patient database. This study was approved for a waiver of Informed Consent as attached in the IRB approval documentation (see IRB Approval Statement).

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