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Dear Editors,

Please find attached our manuscript entitled “*Interactive Dynamic Slicing: Tracking Infection Chains with the Slice Navigator*”, which we would like to submit for publication as a *research article* in *Journal of Systems and Software: Special Issue on Program Debugging*.

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This work is an extended version of a paper previously published at IWPD 2016:

A. Treffer and M. Uflacker, “The Slice Navigator: Focused Debugging with Interactive Dynamic Slicing,” in *2016 IEEE International Symposium on Software Reliability* *Engineering Workshops (ISSREW)*, 2016, pp. 175–180.

Since then, we have conducted a user study that shows the viability of our approach. As requested, we extended the study to include scenarios from two additional projects.

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We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Best regards,

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