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Dr. David Webster Health Sciences North 41 Ramsey Lake Road Sudbury, ON P3E 5J1

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Dear Dr. Webster,

I received your letter of December 18, 2016 regarding PET scanning.

I believe that health technology assessments have a role to play in the evaluation of diagnostic technologies.

I was the lead author of the ICES report Health Technology Assessment of PET (Positron Emission Tomography): A Systematic Review, first published in 2001 and updated until 2004. I stand by that report.

I have not been involved in any research, systematic reviews or policy making regarding PET for about a decade, and have nothing further to add.

Yours sincerely,

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