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Attention: Edward C. Benzel, MD, Editor-in-Chief, *World Neurosurgery*

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Dear Dr. Benzel,

The manuscript that we are submitting, “Virtual Interactive Presence in Global Surgical Education: International Collaboration through Augmented Reality”, demonstrates the implementation of long-distance intraoperative telecollaboration for neurosurgical training and assistance.

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Sincerely,

Matthew C. Davis, M.D.

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