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To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to inform you about a process that might be of interest to you.

This process takes place within Quantitative Imaging Biomarker Alliance (QIBA) in cooperation with the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM). QIBA is an organization within RSNA (Radiological Society of North America) that is dedicated to quantitative imaging. A committee (QIBA ultrasound volume flow committee) has formed from an initial interest group under the auspices of QIBA to introduce quantitative 3D volume flow as the next ultrasound biomarker application.

The overarching QIBA steering committee voted to elect ultrasound based quantitative blood volume flow imaging. The approved proposal is attached here. Per QIBA's objective the QIBA ultrasound volume flow committee is comprised of academic sites (to date University of Michigan, Cornell University and University of Alabama at Birmingham) and commercial partners (to date GE and Philips). Each committee member commits to one monthly conference call for three years. We have staff support by AIUM for organizing calls and distributing documents. We will also seek additional support from the AIUM and QIBA.

If this process is of interest to your organization, you are welcome to join the committee. For any questions please contact either Ms. Minton at AIUM or either of us.

Regards,

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CC: Timothy Hall (Coordinating Committee Chair)

Edward Jackson (QIBA Steering Committee Chair)

Keith Wear (AIUM Technical Standards Committee Chair and AIUM Liaison to QIBA)