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Mr. Steve Cashman,
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*Re: Infringement of U.S. Patent No. 11,129,591, owned by
The University of British Columbia*

Dear Mr. Cashman:

We represent the University of British Columbia ("UBC"), a major research university located in Vancouver, Canada. UBC is the owner of U.S. Patent No. 11,129,591, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference.

Recently, UBC became aware of your company and its activities as summarized in the following online activities and publications:

1. [https://emmainternational.com/caption-guidance-fdas-first-authorized-ai-based-cardiac-ultrasound-software/;](https://emmainternational.com/caption-guidance-fdas-first-authorized-ai-based-cardiac-ultrasound-software/)
2. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamacardiology/fullarticle/2776714;>
3. [https://www.jacc.org/doi/pdf/10.1016/j.jaccas.2020.12.013;](https://www.jacc.org/doi/pdf/10.1016/j.jaccas.2020.12.013) and
4. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URmb72IA4b4.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URmb72IA4b4)

Based on a preliminary review of the above-mentioned activities and publications, UBC believes – and we agree – that such activities constitute infringement of at least one of its claims of U.S. Patent No. 11, 129,591. Not surprisingly, UBC takes intellectual property misappropriation seriously and actively monitors unauthorized use of its patented inventions.

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Notwithstanding the foregoing, UBC is – at present – willing to discuss options to resolve this matter without resorting to litigation. Accordingly, we ask that you or your counsel contact me by May 19, 2022 to discuss approaches to resolve this dispute.

Yours very truly,

SNELL & WILMER L.L.P.

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Per: Jeffrey D. Morton

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A computer-implemented system for facilitating echocardiographic image analysis is disclosed. The system includes at least one processor configured to receive signals representing a first at least one echocardiographic image, associate the image with a first view category of a plurality of predetermined view categories, determine, based on the first at least one echocardiographic image and the first view category, a first quality assessment value representing a view category specific quality assessment of the first at least one echocardiographic image, and produce signals representing the first quality assessment value for causing the first quality assessment value to be associated with the first at least one echocardiographic image. The at least one processor may

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