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re, Pain measurement in reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome, Pain, 32 (1988) 27-34. A reply to Dr. Lambin

Dear Editor,

I strongly disagree with the letter by Dr. Lambin concerning the above manuscript. Dr. Lambin contends that there is a potential trade-off between reduction in limb volume and development of muscle bulk, as patients respond to treatment for reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (RSDS). Review of Table I of the above article will indicate that reduction in limb volume had a strong clinical and statistical correlation with active range of motion, joint pain and visual analog

scale measures for both upper and lower extremity patients undergoing treatment for RSDS. This indicates change in limb volume to be a sensitive measure of patient treatment progress.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the above letter.

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