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Dear Drs. Fichtinger and Aylward

With this letter I am indicating my strong support for your NIH R01 proposal “Slicer+PLUS: Collaborative, open-source software for ultrasound analysis.”

3D Slicer and PLUS are foundational components of much of my research. The ability to have access to a variety of tracking technologies and streamed image (ultrasound) data from the combination of Slicer and PLUS is a great catalyst for innovation in image guided surgery. The online documentation and support that I’ve received from these communities is also outstanding. I strongly encourage the NIH to support the continued development and maintenance of Slicer and PLUS via your proposal.

Best regards,