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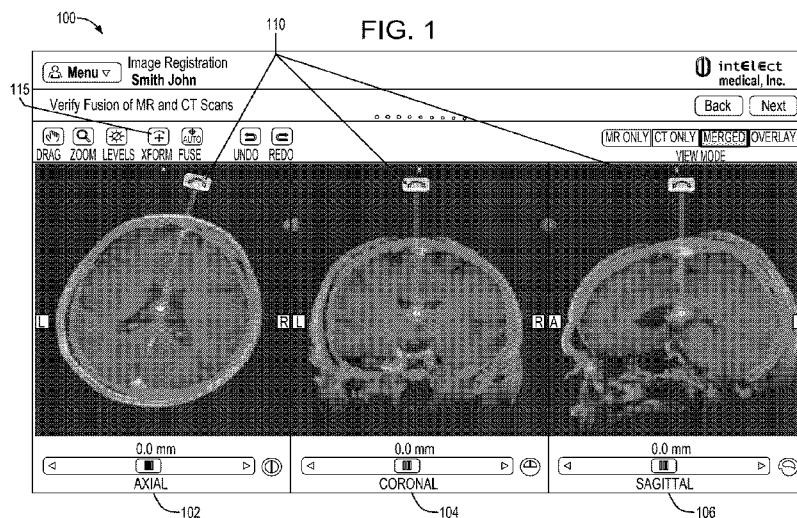
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(54) **Title:** COMMUNICATION INTERFACE FOR THERAPEUTIC STIMULATION PROVIDING SYSTEMS



(57) **Abstract:** A system and method for communicating patient data for therapeutic stimulation purposes may provide a communication interface for exporting patient data, a communication interface for importing patient data, and a user interface for programming a patient device in response to communication of patient data.

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This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
  
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because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
  
3.  Claims Nos.:  
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

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see additional sheet

1.  As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
  
2.  As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
  
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No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-40

Generation of stimulation parameter from patient images

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2. claims: 41-57

Transmission of generated implant programming settings

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