Letter to the Editor

PALGA, the nationwide histo- and cytopathology data network and archive. A role for digital pathology?

To the Editor,

In his reaction to our paper on the Dutch PALGA system Dr. Van Diest indeed addresses an interesting subject [1]. In our contribution we have focused on the history and especially the current status of the platform. PALGA is a versatile system that is deeply integrated in the daily routine of all pathology laboratories in The Netherlands. Against the background of the rapid developments in information technology this provides many opportunities in addition to those already mentioned in the paper, and incorporation of digital images, for which multiple technical solutions can be considered, certainly is one. Planned innovations of the technological infrastructure, which will be carried out in the next few years, will further facilitate such solutions. With the rapid deployment of slide scanning technology it is quite likely that we will see some kind of accommodation of digital images within the PALGA system in the near future.


Reference
