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Hence, patients may become “addicted” to DBS and will need regular neuro-pacemaker replacements, and, with the decreased battery capacity of the newer brands, the financial and clinical consequences are but obvious. Rechargeable batteries may not be suitable to many patients.

To date, seven scientific reports and one Editorial have been published from experienced DBS centers in Seoul, Kiel, Berlin, Birmingham, Tel Aviv, Grenoble and Clermont-Ferrand, establishing that the older brands of neuro-pacemakers had a battery lasting up to twice as long as the newer ones! **(see References at the bottom)**

Any sense of déjà vu, déjà vécu, déjà entendu?

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