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Dear editor,

Hereby, we would like to present the re-revised manuscript of our report, entitled: ‘Identical fracture patterns in combat vehicle blast injuries due to improvised explosive devices; a case series’, for consideration of publication as an original report in the journal.

Again we would like to thank the reviewers for the encouraging and valuable comments. In response to the comments, some additional changes in the report were made.

The advice given in the discussion considering the supplementary trauma work-up to the existing ATLS trauma work-up was adjusted to comply with the just remark of referee #1.

Furthermore, additional attention was paid to the composition of the article mainly with regard to the background, to add ease of comprehension when reading the article (referee #2). Moreover, the output style was further adapted to comply with the journal style.

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In anticipation of your response, on behalf of the co-authors,

With kind regards,

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