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Title: Effectiveness of Automated Locomotor Training in Patients with Acute Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury: A Randomized Controlled Multicenter Trial

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Dear Editor

Thank you for your valuable feedback on our manuscript and for considering it nearly sufficient to be published. We revised the submission according to your suggestion. All points are highlighted in the manuscript (red) and listed below:

Comment: Ethics - You have stated in your manuscript: "Local Ethics Committees at each center have approved (Barcelona, Toledo and Zurich) or are in the process of approving the study. Please confirm that all the relevant ethics committees have fully approved the study, and please also make this clear in the manuscript."

Response: Confirmation for the ethical approvals at the centers of Toledo, Barcelona and Zurich were sent by e-mail correspondence to the editorial office. The text has been changed accordingly (P 5, 2nd paragraph).

Comment: “Images - You have included some images in the manuscript. Please confirm that you are the copyright holder of the image, or that you have consent from the copyright holder to use the image. Please include a statement in the manuscript to confirm this.”

Response: The picture was provided by the manufacturer (Hocoma AG) of the robotic gait training device (Lokomat). This is now stated in the legend to figure 1.

We hope that the questions are answered satisfactorily and thank you again for your support. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Markus Wirz, for the authors