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Dear Editor,

Uploaded is a further version of our manuscript entitled "The OPTIMIST-A trial: evaluation of minimally-invasive surfactant therapy in preterm infants 25-28 weeks gestation" to be considered for publication as a Study Protocol in BMC Pediatrics. In this revision we have added the names of participating centres (page 15), and included a statement to the effect that the reporting of the trial result will conform with CONSORT guidelines (page 27, para 2). We are unclear what is meant by the editorial request to "remove the study protocol proofs from the additional files", as all we have uploaded in the additional files are Ethics approvals from all approved sites.

Best wishes

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on behalf of all authors