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Dear Editor:

Attached please find a revised copy of the manuscript entitled “Computer-Assisted versus Non-Computer-Assisted Preoperative Planning of Corrective Osteotomy for Extra-Articular Distal Radius Malunions: A Randomized Controlled Trial” by Leong N. et al., to be considered for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. This study protocol describes our multi-center randomized controlled trial, in which we will be recruiting patients requiring surgery for extra-articular distal radius malunions, randomizing them to conventional planning or computer-assisted surgical planning, and investigating surgical outcomes as measured by functional status and patient satisfaction.

The following changes have been made to the manuscript:

1) The Gartland and Werley and Mayo Wrist Score questionnaires were removed from our methods and references (formerly references 22 and 23), as they are no longer part of our study. Page 6, paragraph 3.

2) As requested, a statement of ethics was added to the methods section our manuscript, confirming that our research is in accordance with the Helsinki Declaration and all local laws. Also, our study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) governing Massachusetts General Hospital, the lead hospital in the study. Additionally, approval has been obtained by the IRB of one of the participating sites and is pending at the remaining sites that have not yet enrolled patients. Page 7.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you for considering our manuscript. Please do not hesitate to contact me if any additional information is required.

Best regards,

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