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Dear Dr. Catia Cornacchia,

Thank you very much for the kind consideration of our manuscript (Manuscript ID 1065071099143675) Clinical and radiological outcome following treatment of displaced lateral clavicle fractures using a locking compression plate with lateral extension: a prospective study.

and the valuable comments. We thoroughly revised the manuscript according to your suggestions. In the following we will explain the revisions that have been made. We have enclosed a point-by-point response. We are referring to the lines of the revised manuscript in this letter to the editor. Hence, it is a privilege to submit a revised version hereby.

Please clarify and state in the Methods section whether consent from patients for their data to be published in Table 1 was obtained.

We totally agree and therefore we added the missing information in the Methods section (lines 87-88):

All patients gave their written consent to publish their data in table 1.

Acknowledgements: We strongly encourage you to include an Acknowledgements section between the Authors contributions section and Reference list.

We added an acknowledgements section (lines 267-270) and stated that there was no source of funding for each person involved in the study (authors and acknowledgements).

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We hope that our revised manuscript is now acceptable for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

Respectfully,
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