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Author's response to reviews:

Dear Editors,

Thank you for the reviews on this manuscript.

REVIEWER 1.

Minor Essential Revisions

The conclusion to the abstract now makes no sense. Possibly the authors mean "we will highlight" etc?

We have changed the conclusion to the abstract to "We will highlight"

Please reword "Other patterns of brain injury such as the watershed injury are, however, less easy to detect on cranial ultrasound. " to say "difficult to detect".

We have changed the wording to " difficult to detect"

REVIEWER 2.

One further comment: they've added the absolute difference in response to point 12, but I'm not clear what the values given ("0.267 (0.029, 0.505)"") are.

We apologise for this. We have now clarified this and state that the absolute difference is 0.267 (95% CI 0.029,0.505)

These changes are shown as track changes in the manuscript.
We thank the reviewers and authors for their help with this review.

Yours sincerely

Nikki Robertson