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Dear Dr. Altman,

On behalf of the IMAGHF investigators, we are pleased to re-submit our manuscript entitled “Alternative Imaging Modalities in Ischemic Heart Failure (AIMI-HF): Study Protocol for a randomized controlled trial. IMAGE-HF Project 1A” for consideration of publication.

We are grateful for the thoughtful review by your reviewers and have responded to all requests as detailed below. Please note this letter is accompanied by a revised version of the manuscript, with all changes highlighted with the “track-changes” method.

1. **Please ensure the title of the manuscript is formatted correctly.**
   We have changed the format of the manuscript title so that it reads “____: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.”

2. **Ensure the abstract is <350 words with the proper headings.**
   The abstract is 218 words, the headings have been changed as required, and the trial registration number now appears at the end of the abstract.

3. **Add the ethics approval, name of body and reference number to the methods section.**
   This has been added to page 17 under the paragraph entitled “Safety and Ethics”

4. **Remove conclusion section.**
   This has been done.

5. **Add a trial status section.**
   We have added a trial status section at the end of the manuscript on page 24. It details the current status of this trial at time of submission.

Again, we thank you in advance for consideration of this manuscript and would be pleased to consider any additional suggestions/recommendations you may have.

With warm regards,

Lisa Mielniczuk on behalf of IMAGE HF Investigators
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