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Dear Trials Editorial Board:

Response to Reviewers: Re: Trials #1064575844103113 - Transversus Abdominis Plane (TAP) Block following Abdominally-Based Breast Reconstruction: Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial

The authors acknowledge and appreciate the reviewers’ comments. Accordingly the following additions have been made:

(1) The title has been revised to conform to the journal style.

(2) It has been clarified in the data analysis that patient details including BMI and method of reconstruction are collected in this study and multivariate analysis is performed to determine their effect, if any, on primary and secondary outcomes. This addition has been made to pages 10-11 of the Data Analysis section.

(3) It has been clarified that a nerve sparing technique is used in all patients on page 7 under Methods/Design.
(4) The rectus fascia is closed primarily in all patients at our center but we have clarified that in the unlikely event of a synthetic mesh being used for reconstruction the patient would be excluded from the study on page 7 under Methods/Design.

(5) We have added an estimated cost of the intervention on page 13.

These additions are highlighted in the text. We look forward to your consideration of and response to our revision.

Sincerely,

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