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Dear Drs. Altman, Furberg, Grimshaw & Rothwell:

We have received, and reviewed, the reviewers’ comments on our manuscript: *Trial to Re-evaluate Ultrasound in the Treatment of Tibial Fractures (T.R.U.S.T.): A Multicentre Randomized Pilot Study*. We have added a statement to our manuscript to clarify the exact role of the industry sponsor, and what data they were in possession of. We have also been able to add material to clarify 2 issues raised by the reviewers following our initial submission:

1. The number of participants recruited by each trauma centre
2. A detailed break-down of all adverse events by treatment group.

In addition to changes in ownership and personnel with the industry sponsor, our group has also seen a change in study coordinators, which resulted in some internal miscommunication regarding these above issues. I apologize for the confusion.

We appreciate your attention to our study, and remain hopeful that our manuscript will be suitable for publication in *Trials*. All authors of the original manuscript have read and approved the revised version of the paper.

We thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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