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Dear Trials,

MS: 9762556741324218 - Feasibility and metabolic effects of carbohydrate loading in patients with fragility hip fracture: study protocol for a randomised controlled trial Pre-Operative nutrition In Neck of femur Trial (POINT).

Thank you for your editorial and referee comments.

There were three comments:
1) Cover page: corresponding author identified
2) Author contributions: added: All authors have read and approved the final manuscript
3) Diagnosis of diabetes: we appreciate Dr Johansen's comment and we have discussed this extensively. According the WHO diagnostic criteria we cannot diagnose diabetes on the basis of a single result in the absence of diabetes symptoms. We have added the following text (page 10): The surgical stress response per se generates insulin resistance; therefore the protocol does not allow a de novo diagnosis of diabetes. However, glucose tolerance test results will be available to the clinical team to make appropriate clinical decisions.

In addition:
4) Reference 54 is now at proof stage – as soon as we have the doi we will inform the Trials editorial office.

Yours sincerely,
Iain Moppett