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Dear Editor,

since the indicated publication link leads to a previous publication of our research group (Hussmann et al. 2013), there are naturally some points of contact and content-related overlaps.

We therefore reviewed our submitted manuscript carefully and rewrote some sections that showed exact quotes from our previously published work (discussion section (paragraph 5), limitation section and method section (page 7).

Regarding the background section, we would like to justify the content-related overlaps:

Hussmann et al. (2013) investigated the influence of prehospital fluid replacement therapy on the post-traumatic course of severely injured patients with no isolated brain injury, while the present study focuses on the impact of prehospital fluid therapy on patients with traumatic brain injury. Severe bleeding after trauma is the thematic overlap between the two studies, because hemorrhage can occur in...
patients with and without traumatic brain injury and its related consequences are secondary complications and increased mortality. Therefore, severe bleeding and its consequences has to be outlined in the background section, even though there are the mentioned overlaps.

The confirmation by the ethics committee that approved our study is attached.