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Title: Prognostic Factors for Recovery Following Acute Lateral Ankle Ligament Sprain: A Systematic Review

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The Editor in Chief,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to be submitting the research report:

‘Prognostic factors for outcome following acute lateral ankle ligament sprain: A systematic review’

This systematic review evaluates prognostic factors of recovery after an acute lateral ankle sprain using reports from nine studies. This is a much needed review of the literature and to the best of our knowledge, is the first review on this topic that has used robust prognostic methodology, drawn upon recommendations of the REporting recommendations for tumour MARKer prognostic studies (REMARK) and the Quality in Prognostic Studies (QUIPS) tool.
We believe this would be a pertinent report that would broadly appeal to your readership of clinicians and researchers in the field of orthopaedic sports medicine; it will contribute significantly to the area and be highly cited.

We confirm that all authors were fully involved in the preparation of the manuscript, and that the material within has not been submitted for publication elsewhere.

Thank you for considering our systematic review topic for publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jacqueline Y Thompson

On behalf of my co-authors: Dr Chris Byrne, Dr Mark A. Williams, Dr Michael Schlussel, Dr David Keene, Dr Gary Collins, Prof Sarah E. Lamb and the SPRAINED Study Group