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Dear Amanpreet Athwal,

We thank you for considering our manuscript DEFENDD trial: Dynamic Locking Blade Plate (DLBP) versus Dynamic Hip Screw (DHS) for displaced femoral neck fractures in patients 65 years of age and younger. Study protocol for a randomized controlled trial.” (BMSD-D-19-00953R1). We are very excited that the manuscript may be accepted.

Below I wrote our response on the Assistant Editor Comments:

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Kalsbeek: The last revision note was removed.

Kind regards,

On behalf of all the authors,

Jorn Kalsbeek