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We added the following statement to the discussion of our study.

'NPWT and BVP techniques represent two variants of negative-pressure therapy for the management of Open Abdomen; no exhaustive evidence exists in the Literature to support exclusive use of either device and many Centres utilize the two approaches interchangeably'