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Mr James Edwards
Mr Mathew Hickey
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Dear Mr Edwards and Mr Hickey,

Thank you for your email dated Wednesday 11th December with the request to clarify the contributions of authors ASA and DF; and also, to further describe the role of the funding body in the study design; data collection, analysis and interpretation; and the writing of the manuscript. We are grateful for this further opportunity to comply with the editorial requirements of the journal.
The manuscript has been amended to show the significant contributions to the manuscript by both ASA and DF. Without the authorisation and oversight of ASA, in his role as Chief Executive Officer at the King Saud Medical City, the STAR would not exist and the study would not have been possible. DF has in depth knowledge of the Middle East that contributed to the background section of the manuscript, particularly the population statistics and the cited references thereof. All the authors have collaborated on, and approved, this manuscript. The authors continue to participate in the KSMC-Alfred International Trauma Program and plan to contribute to further planned outputs of the study.

The study has been funded in its entirety by the King Saud Medical City (KSMC) – The Alfred International Trauma Program, the source of which has been the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Ministry of Health (MOH). All the STAR operations and the activity of the project team have been conducted under the auspices of the program, which, with its funding, is still ongoing at the time of writing.

Thank you for your consideration of our efforts to comply with the editorial requirements of the journal and hope that these further amendments are acceptable. We are looking forward to the publication of our manuscript and are very appreciative of the expertise of the editorial team.

Yours sincerely,

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