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Dear Professor Jean Joel R Bigna,
This letter accompanies the submission of the REVISED VERSION of the manuscript TRLS-D-17-00365R1 (title: “Effects of high-frequency transcranial magnetic stimulation on functional performance in individuals with incomplete spinal cord injury: study protocol for a randomized controlled trial”) to TRIALS.

In the revised version of the manuscript, we have included the information regarding the assessment of the effect sizes (highlighted with blue color), as suggested by one of the reviewers. We hope the manuscript will now be acceptable for publication in TRIALS.

We would like to thank the reviewers for their very positive appraisal of our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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Reviewer #1:

“Dear Author’s, Thank you for your answer. The paper improved significantly and responses to my reviews have been met satisfactorily. I recommend to the authors to emphasize how this study protocol will be the "first" to identify the effect size of Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS) intervention. Emphasize in the ABstract and Discussion area”

Answer: We thank the reviewer for this suggestion. The information was included in the abstract and discussion, as highlighted in the revised manuscript.

Reviewer #3:

“Very extensive revision. Nothing more to add.”

Answer: We would like to thank the reviewer for her/his comments in the previous version of the manuscript, which significantly contributed to enhance the quality of the manuscript.