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Dear Ms. Fidzpatrick,

Here are our responses to your requested changes about our manuscript. You’ll find below the responses to your comments. All modifications to the manuscripts are done in track change mode within the manuscript.

Best regards
Pierre Langevin

- I request a consideration of the attrition/drop-out rate from participants. FD/FC points:
AUTHORS RESPONSE:
We considered an attrition of 10% in our sample size calculation, page 9, line 2. We added an explanation about it (page 9, 3rd line)

- Are no radiological pre-screening methods not part of the inclusion/exclusion criteria?
AUTHORS RESPONSE:
It is not necessary neither recommended in mTBI population (Berlin consensus 2017 [McCrory et al. 2017]) to use imagery as a diagnostic tool. However, if a major complication is suspected, the imagery is used to rule out fracture, intra-cranial hemorrhage etc. A positive finding on imagery is an exclusion criterion: Page 10, line 1 and 2

- Replace black coloured boxes with symbols in Table 2 to aid visualization.
AUTHORS RESPONSE:
Done

- Reformat Declarations as per journal guidelines
AUTHORS RESPONSE:
We removed the confidentiality and dissemination sections. They are not required in the journal guidelines under Declarations. All other Declarations are in line with the journal guidelines as requested.

- clarify if written or verbal was obtained:
AUTHORS RESPONSE:
Done - under Ethics approval and consent to participate – page 19

- move TRN to abstract from title
AUTHORS RESPONSE:
Done

- Ensure a copyedit is done, as I find multiple English language and grammar errors.
AUTHORS RESPONSE:
The manuscript has been reviewed by an external English-speaking researcher. English language and grammar errors are now corrected.

Regards

Pierre Langevin