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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: Edited manuscript 4114.docx).

Title: Collecting a comprehensive evidence base to monitor fracture rehabilitation: A case study

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

Reviewer 1 comment: Authors well written report on a relevant and interesting topic. It was a pleasure to read it. The authors classify this report as a case series. I think they have to classify it as a case report and weaken their conclusions. They conclude that this study has demonstrated that the combination of RSA, gait analysis and activity monitoring can be effectively applied in clinical practice and that these investigations have the potential to provide, for the first time, an evidence base for the application of particular rehabilitation schedules following fracture. It may be a good idea to do this in a larger cohort and it may be relevant for clinical practice but this still has to be proven.

Reviewer 2 comment: Good concept, but no of pts are few to prove this concept works.

(1) We thank the reviewers for their comments. We have edited the manuscript thoroughly to ensure that it is described as a case report. Most notably the title has now been changed to "Collecting a comprehensive evidence base to monitor fracture rehabilitation: A case study". This not only describes the study better but also fits within the editorial requirement of 12 words.

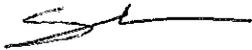
(2) Additional changes have been made throughout the text to tone down the conclusions drawn from this case study with only 2 patients. As both reviewers stated, this study does prove that combining the different assessment tools is feasible in a clinical setting and may be used in larger studies to provide an evidence base for weight bearing protocols.

(3) Minor text and grammatical changes throughout the text to improve the manuscript.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopaedics*.

Sincerely yours,



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