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Dear Mr Okoro

Many thanks for taking the time to submit your work:

Biomechanical comparison of tibia-pro-fibula versus standard locking plate fixation of osteoporotic unstable bimalleolar ankle fractures

I read your proposal with interest. The study of lower limb trauma in the frail elderly is rightly growing in importance. Studies such as these in which largely untried constructs that may help manage these injuries when using AO/ASIF principles are tested are of value to patients and the trauma community alike.

I am delighted, on behalf of AO UK, to be able to support your work with the Minor Grant Funding of £4,500. There were five applications for the four Minor Grant funding opportunities this year. All, like yours, were high-quality applications of a mixture of basic science and 'closer to patient' topics and most with considerable support from teams with a proven track record. The work proposed by your group in terms of the importance of the topic, its generalisability to the growing elderly population and its clarity were the reasons why I have awarded you the funding.

I wish you and the team at Cardiff all success in continuing this work in the future and I look forward to reading the published results.

With best wishes

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