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Prof Dame Wendy Hall Editor-In-Chief Royal Society Open Science Online Submission

RE: Manuscript submission – 'The Quest for Dynamic Consistency: A Comparison of OpenSim Tools for Residual Reduction in Simulations of Human Running'

Please accept our submission of the above-named **original research article** for your consideration in *Royal Society Open Science*. This work compares a range of approaches applicable for residual reduction in biomechanical simulations of human running using OpenSim (one of the world's most commonly used musculoskeletal modelling and simulation software). Reducing residuals in simulations of human gait is important to ensure appropriate and feasible outputs from musculoskeletal models. The findings of this study provide evidence to inform OpenSim users decision-making at the residual reduction step of their modelling and simulation workflow – and therefore has applicability to researchers investigating the biomechanics of human gait.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript and I look forward to your feedback.

Kind regards,

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