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Frank D. Moore, for his adversarial response to our recent article, "Pathways to manage trauma patients: the role of advanced ultrasound and early trauma bed-side ultrasound," we would like to reiterate our position that ultrasound is a valuable tool in the management of critically injured patients. We agree that ultrasound is not a substitute for surgical exploration, but it can be used to supplement surgical decision-making, particularly in cases where the injury cannot be adequately visualized by other methods. We also agree that the role of ultrasound in the management of trauma patients is evolving, and that additional research is needed to further define its role in this context. However, we believe that our article was clear and concise in its presentation of the evidence currently available, and that it made a compelling case for the use of ultrasound in the management of critically injured patients. We would be happy to provide additional information or clarification if needed. We appreciate the opportunity to respond to Dr. Moore's comments, and we look forward to continuing the important conversation regarding the role of ultrasound in the management of trauma patients.