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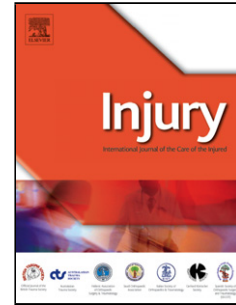
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Background: The Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA) classification scheme for open fractures has improved precision, validity and reliability over the modified Gustilo classification system. However, it needs to be modified into a simple and practical classification system to gain widespread acceptance and application.

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