Reviewer's report

Title: Early results of Vertebral Body Stenting: a multicenter series of the first 100 cases

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In my opinion this study needs major revision, because there are strong concerns about this study:

1. This study is presented as a prospective study, for such a study design we do need an ethical vote other than that I cannot consider this study for publication.

2. Only radiographs are collected, to give a statement about this new operation system we do need some clinical data like VAS, ODI or SF36.

3. I miss a study protocol please add this to methods.

4. Follow-up time is not defined: We do need well defined follow-ups like pre/postoperatively after 6 weeks, 12 weeks, 6 months or 12 months, an average of 119 days for the follow-ups (range 3-468 days) is not adequate.

5. Discussion with 22 References are not enough, I miss current studies e.g. high viscosity cement studies, radiofrequency kyphoplasty and critical dispute with the high cement exclusion rate.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest