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Dear Editors:

Enclosed is a further revision of our paper, “Percutaneous endoscopic debridement with dilute betadine solution irrigation for the treatment of lumbar infectious spondylitis: a retrospective study in a tertiary referral center” in which the issues raised by the Editors have been addressed. As your requirement, we have added the statement of the approval of the E-DA Hospital Institutional Review Board in the Methods section of the revised manuscript. We have also revised the figure legend for Fig 2 &3 by removing the age of the patients to preserve the anonymity of patients. The changes are highlighted by bold and underline in the revised manuscript. Regarding your suggestion about the table 1 and the Fig 2 image, we consider that the chart number and name of the patients enrolled in this study have been removed in the manuscript and the figures, by which the requirement of anonymity should be sufficient. If you have further requirements or suggestions, please feel free to contact us. We will do our best to revise our manuscript.

We appreciate the invaluable comments of the editors, which have indeed improved our manuscript. We hope that our manuscript will now be acceptable for the peer review process in the BMC Musculoskeletal Disorder.

Sincerely,

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