Reviewer’s report

Title: The effects of anterior vacuum disc on surgical outcomes of degenerative versus spondylolytic spondylolisthesis: at a minimal two-year follow up

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Major compulsory revisions:
I have concerns about comparing DS and IS due to differing pathologies – indeed, the authors themselves acknowledge this. Please discuss this, especially in the limitations section.

Did the 42 patients provide their informed consent to participating in this study?

Minor essential revisions:
There are some grammatical and spelling errors throughout, including in Table 1 column heading.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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 interests.