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Title: Rate of complications in scoliosis surgery - a systematic review of the Pub Med literature

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- In Tables 1, 2 & 3, it is suggested to indicate the “N” or “n” being the number of articles reviewed. Confusion might be made for referring the “N” or “n” being the number of subjects.

- The number of figures used to show the effect of surgical intervention could be consolidated.

- The discussion section can be streamlined that could provide a better flow of arguments and make the manuscript become more readable.

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