Reviewer’s report

Title: Surgical complications in neuromuscular scoliosis operated with posterior-only approach using pedicle screw fixation.

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There are a lot of mistakes and contradictions in this manuscript. The authors had better revise the manuscript totally. English should be improved with the help of native English speaker or writer.

Major Compulsory Revisions

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

1 Please add page number.

2 Abstract section: There were total forty-five complications in the study. However, there seems to be 43 perioperative and 16 postoperative complications in the study. So there were 59 complications in total?

3 46.1%, 5.1%, 41%, 5.1%, and 12.8% of what? Maybe a number of patients and complications are confusing in this sentence.

4 In Abstract section, twenty-one (51.3%) and twenty (48.7%) had at least one major and one minor complication respectively. However, in Perioperative complication section, twenty (51.3%) and nineteen (48.7%) had.

5 Is urinary tract infection included in the abdominal complications or not?

6 In Discussion section: In addition there were 15 patients who had associated thoracoplasty -- Describe also in Results section.

7 Table 1: All patients Cerebral palsy 23 – 24?

8 Table 2: Final f-u All patients: 33.95 – 34.12?

9 Table 3: Complications major and minor are incorrect.

10 Table 3: Group I Minor Total: 18 – 17?

11 Table 4: Bed sore Percentage: 4.9 – 4.6?
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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.

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