Reviewer’s report

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

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I am disappointed that many of the points I addressed were not corrected in the revised manuscript.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. Page 2, line 14: There were total forty-three complications.
   However, there seems to be 43 perioperative and 16 postoperative complications in the study. So there were 59 complications in total?

2. Page 2, line 21: 18(46.1%), 2(5.1%), 16(41%), 2(5.1%), and 5(12.8%)
   What do these rates (percentage) indicate?
   Maybe the number of complications was divided by 39.
   Why 39?

3. Page 2, line 20: Twenty-one and twenty had at least one major and one minor complication respectively.
   However, at page 10, line 7: Twenty (51.3%) and nineteen (48.7%) patients had at least one major and one minor complication respectively.
   Which one is correct?

4. Page 6, line 8: to improve cosmetic appearance
   Page 15, line 14: to get better mobilization for correction
   Which one is better describing your indication for thoracoplasty?

5. Page 9, line 6: range, 4-32%?, range, 5-42%?

6. Page 11, line 5: How much was the blood loss of the two patients who died of hypovolemia?

7. Page 19, line 14: if we had used low profile screws –
   What type of the screws did you use and do you recommend?

8. Table 4, line 3: Complications Minor Major Minor Minor Minor Major Minor –
   Complications Major Minor Major Minor Major Minor?

9. Table 5: The number of patients (complications) seems to be divided by 65.
Theses numbers should be divided by 63.

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**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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