Reviewer’s report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions

(1). Page 13, Para 1. It is hard to believe that there was no statistical difference in EBL between Group 1 and Group 2 when the mean blood loss was almost 1000 ml more (+ 25 - 30%). Please check this and all your other statistical analyses for accuracy.

Minor Essential Revisions

(1). Your manuscript needs to be edited for style by someone experienced with scientific English writing. This will make it easier to read and understand.

Discretionary Revisions

(1). I continue to feel that you should eliminate or place into separate categories those patients fused to the pelvis and the adult patients. Retaining them adds a distortion to your data that results in a loss of significance of your findings.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.