Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Adolescent idiopathic scoliosis (AIS) treated with arthrodesis and posterior titanium instrumentation: 8 to 12 years follow up without late infection.

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**Reviewer:** Hitesh N. Modi

**Reviewer’s report:**

I would congratulate the authors that the manuscript is significantly improved and warrants publication. Here I am giving few discretionary revision points which authors may ignore. I would recommend the publication of this manuscript.

Discretionary revisions:

**Results:** Query- Table 1 showed that authors could not achieve correction in lumbar lordosis with titanium implants. It is our experience that we can get correction in lumbar lordosis till 35-40 degree of lumbar lordosis. Why it is so? Any way it is the results, and we have to accept it. But I would like to suggest authors that there might be correction of lumbar lordosis within the normal range 35-50 degree in lumbar lordosis.

**Material and Methods**

Patients- 4 patients could not be classified according to these system- what are they, please explain.

Query- thoracolumbar curve can be classified by type 5 and lumbar also can be classified as type 5- I would advise authors to correct accordingly

**Conclusion**

Correct spelling- summery to summary.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.