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Title: Measurement of intraoperative Blood loss in different Stages of Scoliosis Surgery- A Prospective Study in 44 Patients

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Reviewer: Frank Schwab
Reviewer's report:
Minor Essential Revisions
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published.
Answer: we have again edited the language in manuscript to make it acceptable. However, if there is some mistakes exist, I request publication editor to correct it before the publication.

Reviewer: Jonathan Spilsbury
Reviewer's report:
please clarify end of page 11 what are you saying
Answer: We have clarified it. Our meaning was to prove for the CP group and their blood loss because few patients were on anticonvulsant medications. Our results showed that anticonvulsants did not have impact on increased per-level EBL in CP group itself.

Reviewer: Teresa Bas
Reviewer's report:
The blood loss is a major problem in the surgery of deformities. The correlation between bone mineral density and a higher risk of increasing blood loss is not clearly shown in this study. It is rather speculative. The authors do not answer the question of how was calculated the number of patients needed to be included in the different groups to have statically significance. These comments should be clearly stated in the manuscript.
Answer: We have clearly stated that relationship between BMD and per-level EBL was done using regression analysis using SPSS software. Purpose was not
to analyze the EBL in different group but to analyze according to their BMD status. Our significant result and Odds ration suggested that patients who had poor BMD have had increased per-level EBL. Thus we mentioned a correlationship by 9 times higher risk for having increased per-level EBL if BMD is <-2.5 i.e. osteoporosis. We have clarified it in material and methods and result section.