Reviewer's report

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

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1) the english does not read well- i would gladly help by scanning and sending my hand written corrections

2) i am concerned that so much can be assumed from a small group and need statistical help

3) they have observed the trend of more bleeding in paralytic neuromuscular (mainly DMD) and concluded that the bleeding was worst in the correction phase, due to bone-screw interface loosening- but there is no comment on how many screws dragged in the correction phase- without this information this conclusion is, i believe, not valied

4) the conclusion that increased bone density preop will lead to reduced bleeding has not been proved by this paper- it is speculation and needs to be presented as such

5) i do not understand the comments on page 11 re CP 15% etc

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

Declaration of competing interests:

i declare that i have no competing interests