Reviewer's report

**Title:** Posterior Cervical Decompressive Laminectomy and Lateral Mass Screw Fixation. Analysis of 110 cases.

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**Reviewer:** MOH ALBOTT

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The scoliosis editorial team,

Dear all,

I have just finished reviewing the article entitled "Posterior Cervical Decompressive Laminectomy and Lateral Mass Screw Fixation. Analysis of 110 cases." there was a technical problem with your web site so i could not get in. however the below is my review report.

1- Authors are expected to declare, in a separate sheet, that they have no conflict of interest with medical suppliers who provided the equipments.

2- Authors need to focus on the technique they applied rather than detailed description of the same technique we all know. (e.g: they used anderson-sekhons entry zone approach; was this point valid and seems to them more effective and with less failure rate? ....etc).

3- Resolution of some films needs some enhancement.

4- Further details about spinal cord injury and the indications of using this technique.

5- How authors could be able to identify, early and promote, vertebral artery injury? need more description.

6- Language errors noted. need correction.

7- Conclusion may need some revision so it becomes more adherent to the report.

8- I did not get what dr I, dr II .......etc mean. could they explain?

In conclusion:

1- the manuscript was adherent to the relevant standards for reporting and publishing

2- the abstract, discussion and conclusions are adequate and correlated with the data.

best wishes

Professor M.A
**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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

**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 inter