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Object: MS: 3969967138223120 Traumatic spondyloptosis of the lumbar spine: A case report. Dr Amesiya et al.

We would like to thank you for consideration of our manuscript for publication in your journal.

We have reviewed the above manuscript according to your reviewers’ comments.

Reviewer # 1 (Hisatoshi Baba)

Minor revision
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published.
Response: Editing done.

Comment
This is a very interesting case which suffered an extremely severe fracture-dislocation, spondyloptosis, of the L4-L5 levels with Frankel/ASIA grade A paralysis following a hit from behind. Xrays showed extremely severe dislocation of L4 on L5 and it is presumed that his surgery was so challengeable as well as difficult. Unexpectedly, his paralysis showed dramatic recovery 2 months after the surgery and this result might be conveyed to readers. On page 3 paragraph 3, more detailed description of surgeries and their techniques must be needed for the readers to do similar surgeries. The manuscript must be revised in this regard.
Response: We have included more details on the operative procedure.

Reviewer # 2 (James Munthali)

Comment: The pre- and post-operative radiographic images should show the thoracolumbar junction and the entire sacrum so as to clearly show the restoration of the alignment of the spine after surgery.
Response: It is unfortunate that we do not have any post-operative radiographs showing the thoraco-lumbar junction. The radiographs we included in this submission were the only ones available.