Reviewer’s report

Title: Traumatic spondyloptosis of the lumbar spine: A case report

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Reviewer: James Munthali

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

This is not a rare condition nor is the procedure that was used to correct the spondyloptosis a novel one. However this case report illustrates how with the availability of necessary equipment and expertise conditions that would normally be managed non-operatively with resultant poor outcome and severe morbidity could be significantly improved with surgery.

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

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.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely
related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests