Reviewer's report

**Title:** Comparative Effectiveness Using Two Different Interbody Fusion Methods for Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion: Cages Versus Merely Morselized Impacted Bone Graft

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1# Text and references have a lot of incorrect format and punctuation. For example, 178 “thelocal”; Line188 “unio”; Table 4: Group 1, Group 1?

2# Line 85#We retrospectively studied 180 patients treated with TLIF between July 2009 and July 2012 at an average follow-up of 35 months. “180” “189”? Loss to follow-up need state.


4# Discussion section (Line209-218) does not repeat the content of the results. You should be discussed in depth with literatures. Since this study had such good results, compared to the literature [19],[20], what advantages does your approach has?

5# Table 4: 0.45± 0.09, 0.44 ± 0.43, Standard deviation is large, how to explain? The results should compare between different time (Preop, Postop, Final follow-up) in the two groups. You should compare height loss rate between the groups?