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Dear Dr. Sondos Majeed,

Thank you for provisionally recommending our manuscript entitled "The patterns of loss of correction after posterior wedge osteotomy in ankylosing spondylitis-related thoracolumbar kyphosis: a minimum of five-year follow-up" (BMSD-D-17-00453R2) for acceptance in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

We have studied editorial comments carefully and tried our best to make necessary corrections. A detailed response to each editorial point raised was provided as follows:

Response to the editorial comments:

1. The editorial comment: We would also like to ask for you to provide more justification for the contributions of SM, as currently they do not automatically qualify for authorship. Contribution to modifying the manuscript, alone, does not usually justify authorship.

Response: Special thanks for your comments. Actually, SM has made substantial contributions in the design of the study and played an important role in recruiting patients and revising the manuscript. He deserves the authorship. Relevant information was added in Authors' contributions part of Declarations section (Declarations section, line 317-318, page 15)

We would like to express our great appreciation to you again for comments on our paper. We hope that the revision is acceptable and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes