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Dear Editor,

unfortunately you have initially decided not to publish our manuscript "Effects of multilevel posterior ligament dissection after spinal instrumentation on adjacent segment biomechanics as a potential risk factor for proximal junctional kyphosis: a biomechanical study."

However, the final comment of reviewer No 1 (Chee Kidd Chiu) was:

"As mentioned, good amount of work was put into conducting this study. I applaud the authors for contributing the time and effort. However, the findings of this study do not justify the conclusions that the authors had made and due to this major flaw, this manuscript should not be accepted for publication as it would mislead readers."

We fully agree that our conclusion would have been misleading the reader and this is why we have changed the conclusion (see the attached manuscript with changes highlighted in light grey).

We believe the paper will be an enrichment for BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders now and hope it will be acceptable for publication, which would be a great honor for us.
With kind regards

Tobias Lange