Author’s response to reviews

Title: Distribution of ossified spinal lesions in patients with severe ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament and prediction of ossification at each segment based on the cervical OP index classification: A multicenter study (JOSL CT study)

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Thank you very much for reviewing our paper. We updated the manuscript as Editor kindly suggested.

1. Please note that the Abstract should only contain the following sections: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions and keywords. Please remove the purpose heading and incorporate this into the Background section. Please also include 3-10 keywords at the end of your Abstract.

Response: We removed the purpose heading and insert the sentences into the Background section. Also, we added keywords in the end of the Abstract.
2. Please change the "Introduction" heading to 'Background' and the "Materials and methods" heading to 'Methods'.

Response: As Editor described, we had changes the points.

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Response: We added the corresponding author after E-mail list.

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Response: We moved the Declarations section after the abbreviations and just before the references.

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Response: We uploaded the updated files. In addition to the above, we newly changed two points as follows;

1. We put ‘JOSL CT study’ at the end of the manuscript title.

2. We changed the image of whole spine CT in Figures 1 and 2.