Author’s response to reviews

Title: A comparison of zero-profile anchored spacer (ROI-C) and plate fixation in 2-level noncontiguous anterior cervical discectomy and fusion- a retrospective study

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Dear editor:

Thank you for your letter and comments concerning our manuscript entitled “A comparison of zero-profile anchored spacer (ROI-C) and plate fixation in 2-level noncontiguous anterior cervical discectomy and fusion- a retrospective study”. The comments are very valuable for improving our paper. We have studied comments carefully and have made correction which we hope meet with approval. The corrections in the paper and the responds to your comments are as following:

Responds to the Editor’s comments:

1. Response to comment: It has come to our attention that throughout the whole manuscript there is significant text overlap (47%), most notably in the abstract section (line no. 5-12), result section under clinical and radiological outcomes (2nd paragraph- line no. 1-6) but also in discussion section (line no. 1-4 of 2nd paragraph, and 5th paragraph) with other publications

Response: Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have made the corrections (line 20-45;55-57;79-86;121-125;159-171;204-206;234-238).
2. Response to comment: Please note that the Abstract must contain the following sections: Background, Methods, Results and Conclusions. Therefore, please reformat your abstract accordingly.

Response: Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have made the corrections (line 20-45).

3. Response to comment: Please change the 'Introduction' heading to 'Background' and the 'Materials and methods' section to 'Methods'.

Response: Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have made the corrections (line 48 and 75).

4. Response to comment: In the Ethics approval and consent to participate section of the Declarations,

please confirm whether informed consent, written or verbal, was obtained from all participants and clearly state this in your manuscript.

Response: Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have made the correction (line 255).

5. Response to comment: Please note that consent for publication refers to consent for the publication of identifying images or other personal or clinical details of participants that compromise anonymity. Seeing as this is not applicable to your manuscript please state “Not Applicable” in this section.

Response: Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have made the correction (line 257).

6. Response to comment: Please represent authors' names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Response: Thank you for your comments and suggestions. We have made the correction (line 266-270).
We have tried our best to improve the manuscript and made the correction. We appreciate for editors/reviewer's warm work earnestly, and hope the correction will meet with approval. Once again, thank you very much for your comments and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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