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Title: A Comparison of Lumbar Transverse Pedicle Angles between Ethnic Groups: A Retrospective Review

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Response to Editor Comments:

Thank you again for your constructive reviews and comments, herein are our responses to these critiques.

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Reviewer reports:

Anil Kumar (Reviewer 2): Author has made necessary changes to the manuscript as suggested by both reviewers.

There are some minor grammatical errors that need revision.

Background section, page 6, first paragraph- 'A more recent study undertaken in .... goniometer measurements Sani’- Either correct the line to ’A more recent study by Soni et al … or take away the author name altogether from this line.

The author’s name has been removed from this line.

Table 2 has too much data in it, not sure if there is any other simplistic way to present it.
Although we agree there is a large breadth of data, we felt it was crucial to include it in entirety to depict what comparisons were and were not significant. We felt only highlighting the significant results might appear as though we were trying to hide the larger number of non-significant differences.