Reviewer's report

Title: Radiographic and clinical outcome of lumbar lateral interbody fusion for extreme lumbar spinal stenosis of Schizas grade D: a retrospective study

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Reviewer: Jun Qiao

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This study is to analyze the radiographic and clinical outcome of LLIF for extreme lumbar spinal stenosis of Schizas grade D. As you said, extreme lumbar spinal stenosis of Schizas grade D is a relative contradiction of LLIF. Please, state in detail, why you choose LLIF for these patients. At complication section (Page 9, Line 175-182), description of pain severity (such as VAS scores) and neurological grades are also needed. Pre- and postoperative X-rays are also needed. English writing should be improved.

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