Reviewer’s report

Title: Intraoperative Blood Loss, Postoperative Drainage, and Recovery in Patients Undergoing Spinal Surgery

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1. Major Compulsory Revisions
This article describes introperative bleeding, postoperative drainage and recovery during spinal surgery. The innovation is inadequate, but the practicability is meaningful to clinical work. The major compulsory revisions are as follows: (1) This article does not mention the baseline condition when comparing two groups, so the data is less persuasive, I suggest adding the baseline between two groups before comparison and calculating the corresponding p value. (2) This article studies many influencing factors of introperative bleeding, postoperative drainage, the range of the research is a little bit wide, it is difficult to illustrate every aspect elaborately, I suggest discuss some of the problems deeply.

2. Minor Essential Revisions
Minor essential revisions: #1# Making the introduction more concise, avoiding repeatedly mention “postoperative drainage volume, immediate drainage, final drainage, and the methods of using drainage tubes” #2# The tables in the article is standardized, but the unnecessary statistics should be excluded to avoid redundancy.

3. Discretionary Revisions
Article has some minor English errors that should be reviewed by a native English speaker or a professional translator. I strongly suggest authors to seek for professional assistance.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.