Author's response to reviews

Title: Risk factors for rod fracture after posterior correction of adult spinal deformity with osteotomy: a retrospective case-series

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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for considering our study “Risk factors for rod fracture after posterior correction of adult spinal deformity with osteotomy: a retrospective case-series” for publication. We believe this study is important to publish due to its significant findings pertaining to risk factors for rod fracture after osteotomy for adult spinal deformity. Surgeons should be aware of these risk factors in order to decrease the incidence of rod fracture in their patients. We have no issues relating to the editorial policies of *Scoliosis* and have no competing interests to disclose.

We would like to sincerely thank the reviewers for their comments. Below is our response to each 8/25/15 comment by reviewer:

**Reviewer #1, Jean Dubousset**
1) “Accepted comments from the authors to my first recommendations but not solved because retrospective work and lack of theses informations. Effort made by the authors to add some comments on the discussion. Paper improved in the limits of the possibilities of the author; may be accepted for publication as a mean level of paper.” Thank you for these comments. Yes, we did add comments to the discussion about further limitations to the study in the previous submission. We have no further points to add regarding the limitations of our study.

**Reviewer #2, Anastasios Christodoulou**
1) “No more comments, although my questions are not answered due to study limitations.” Thank you for this comment. We have described these limitations in the discussion of the manuscript and have no further limitations to describe.

The following documents have been uploaded via online submission:
1. Title Page
2. Abstract
3. Previously Revised Manuscript Body with Tables
4. Figures 1 and 2

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions during the continued review.

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