

Reviewer #1:

**Scientific Quality:** Grade C (Good)

**Language Quality:** Grade B (Minor language polishing)

**Conclusion:** Minor revision

**Specific Comments to Authors:** 1. this study showed that French physicians are devoted to take place in the national plan against COVID-19, the French Spine Surgery Society (SFCR) therefore decided to elaborate specific guidelines for management of spinal disorders during COVID-19 pandemic in order to prioritize management of patients. more importantly, the authors hope that the guidelines formulated by the SFCR and the experience of spine surgeons from a cluster region will be helpful in order optimizing the management of patients with urgent spinal conditions during the pandemic. 2. this study maybe have some guiding significance for the spine surgery patients with or without COVID-19 during COVID-19 pandemic, it guides many surgeons based on the three levels of spinal trauma in this manuscript to treat with the COVID-19 infection patients. 3. this study only had two case of the spinal trauma patients with COVID-19 infection, therefore, the conclusion of this study may be uncredible.

1. Thank you for the comment, we hope that these guidelines will be of interest for spine physicians
2. Thank you for the comment, the aim was to prioritize management of patients during the COVID-19 pandemic but not only COVID+ patients
3. Thank you for the comment, there are only 2 cases which are intended to illustrate unusual strategy of treating spinal fractures during the COVID-19 pandemic. The paper was invited in the expert recommendations section and not as clinical cases series, reason why we only had 2 cases for illustration of the guidelines.

**(1) Science Editor:** I suggest that the manuscript should be rejected. The scientific classification of this manuscript is Grade C. Summary of the peer-review report: The reviewer#02579156 thinks the authors hope that the guidelines formulated by the SFCR and the experience of spine surgeons from a cluster region will be helpful in order optimizing the management of patients with urgent spinal conditions during the pandemic. However, this study only has two cases of the spinal trauma patients with COVID-19 infection, therefore, the conclusion of this study may be incredible. (Han Zhang)

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**(2) Editorial Office Director:** I have checked the comments written by the science editor. I suggest a potential acceptance with minor revision. The author should introduce more cases or more experience in this study. COVID-19 special issue.

Thank you for your comment. This invited manuscript is based on the guidelines and is not intended to report many clinical cases. We submitted the manuscript under expert recommendations category and added clinical cases for illustration for unusual strategy of treating spinal fractures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**(3) Company Editor-in-Chief:** I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, the full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Clinical Cases, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors. Before final acceptance, uniform presentation should be used for figures showing the same or similar contents; for example, "Figure 1 Pathological changes of atrophic gastritis after treatment. A: ...; B: ...; C: ...; D: ...; E: ...; F: ...; G: ...". Before its final acceptance, the author(s) must provide the version of the ethical approval document.

Thank you for your comments. Every comments were taken into account and answered. References have been modified according to Special requirements for references. PMID and DOI have been added. Figures have been modified according to special requirements for figures and your comments. Editable figures on power point are included in the revised submission. The study was reviewed and approved by the SFCR Scientific comity/Institutional Review Board.