

Dear Lian-Sheng Ma, Company Editor-in-Chief:

Thank you very much for your email with the positive and encouraging news regarding our manuscript entitled “Resorption of upwardly displaced lumbar disk herniation after nonsurgical treatment: Case report and review of the literature” (Manuscript NO.: 56308). We also thank the reviewer for his/her constructive comments and suggestions. After incorporating his/her comments into the revised manuscript, we would like to re-submit the revised draft for consideration for publication in *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

In the revised manuscript, the changes are highlighted using the track changes mode in Word, and our point-by-point responses to the reviewer’s comments are provided below.

Thank you again, and we hope that the revision is acceptable. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Yi Wang

**Reviewer 1:**

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

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

**Conclusion:** Major revision

**Reply:** Thank you for your positive and encouraging comments.

**Specific Comments to Authors:**

1. Line 59: upwardly displaced L4/5 LDHs and provide an example of the resorption: Should be spontaneous resorption.

**Reply:** We revised the manuscript according to the comments (line 61).

2. The data from references 3 and 18 should be revised

Reply:

References 3: We calculated 96% (line 110) of the incidence of resorption based on the data reported by the authors: “of 505 participants, 19 did not show disc resorption, while 486 did”. The authors reported: “The average time interval between baseline and followup MRI was  $341.38 \pm 306.83$  days”. We revised the average follow-up time at line 110.

References 18: The authors reported “Our meta-analysis showed that the overall incidence of spontaneous resorption after LDH was 66.66% (95% CI 55.12% – 78.21%)”. We revised our manuscript (line 116, 117).

3. Line 133 should be Macki et al 25 not Mohamed

Reply: We revised the name of the author (line 134).

4. The English of the manuscript needs revision.

Reply: We have improved the phrasing of sentences and the readability of the manuscript, and our revised manuscript has been edited by American Journal Experts. Please see English editing certificate.

### **Editorial Office’s comments**

Reply: Thank you for your positive and encouraging comments.

#### **5. Issues raised:**

- (1) The “Author Contributions” section is missing. Please provide the author contributions;

Reply: The “Author Contributions” section was added to lines 173-176.

- (2) The authors did not provide the approved grant application form(s). Please upload the approved grant application form(s) or funding agency copy of any approval document(s);

Reply: It is 2020 policy of Sichuan Provincial Orthopedics Hospital to support studies published in SCI journals (with impact factor higher than 1.0 ) in the form of publication fees. Because part of the file is confidential, I uploaded the corresponding page of this policy as funding agency copy of approval document.

(3) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor.

Reply: Original pictures were provided in PowerPoint.