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The authors thank the reviewers and editors for their critical review. We appreciate that overall, they have found it good. Some of the queries raised have been answered. All the suggestions have been incorporated. The complete text has been edited using a professional editing service. But the salient changes have been highlighted in red.

Science Editor		
The degenerative changes of ligamentum flavum in the pathology of lumbar spinal stenosis were described in detail. The manuscript is well, concisely and coherently organized and presented and the style. Some suggestions:		
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1.	It is unacceptable to have more than 3 references from the same journal. To resolve this issue and move forward in the peer-review/publication process, please revise your reference list accordingly	Th authors have revised the manuscript after extensive literature search. One Journal (Spine) had seven references. As per suggestion, not more than three articles from a journal have been cited.
2.	The format of the table should be a three-line table	The table has been formatted to three lines
3.	The choice of the references is outdated.	Most old references have been deleted and newer citations have been incorporated as per suggestion. Only few landmark article have been kept. Kindly consider.
	Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing) Scientific Quality: Grade A (Excellent)	Professional help for editing has been taken for editing the manuscript
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 Orthopaedics, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the		

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