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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 16574-revised.doc).

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

(1) A methods section was added describing the search terms, as per the request of reviewer 3069451. This section details how the literature search was performed, in addition to steps taken to acquire additional sources.

(2) Reviewer 3069471 inquired about any data regarding abdominal complications of spine surgery. As noted in the manuscript, compression of the abdomen can cause increased systemic pressure, which results in hemodynamic and ophthalmological complications. Additionally, pressure over the iliac spines can cause ulcers. However, because modern spine surgery tables allow for a free abdomen, we are not aware of other abdominal complications.

(3) Reviewer 2444787 requested no revisions.

3. References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Orthopedics*.

Sincerely yours,



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