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<b>Conclusion</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is an interesting investigation on factors that influence pedicle screw loosening rate. Osteoporosis is a well known risk factor of instrument failure and is confirmed by this study. I suggest to add body mass index (BMI) as a variable that could influence loosening. Minor edits: Page 1. have been insufficiently studied instead of is studied insufficiently.

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The author evaluated the contribution of screw design to rate of pedicle screw loosening in patients with degenerative diseases of the lumbar spine. They found that the pedicle screw loosening rate was influenced by helical pitch, inner and outer diameter, while geometry of screws and thread type were insignificant factors. This study has certain value and significance and the results and data analysis are accurate. However, the research may need to further expand the sample size, then the results obtained in this way may be more convincing. I personally prefer support the publication of this manuscript in the World Journal of Orthopedics.

## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The authors carried out an adequate review to the requests. This manuscript is now suitable for publication