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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 12868-edited.docx).

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

Reviewer #1: *“... the review is incomplete because, in the group of fusion techniques, takes into consideration only interbody fusion without any concerning about MIS screw and rods technique or MIS posterolateral fusion without instrumentation (such as bone grafting using Wiltse approach or interarticular bone fusion). Moreover no mention was done concerning Interspinous Fusion Devices (such as ASPEN) currently recognized as MIS technique for DDD of the lumbar spine”*

- *We thank Reviewer #1 for their constructive criticism of our manuscript. As requested by the Reviewer, we have added to our revised manuscripts sections describing MIS posterolateral fusion without instrumentation, interspinous devices and percutaneous screw fixation techniques.*

Reviewer #2: *“... I'd think that a collective/illustrative table would be build with the most relevant data, this manuscript would be more reader friendly”*

- *We thank Reviewer #2 for their constructive criticism of our manuscript. We have added a table summarizing our manuscript as requested by the Reviewer.*

References and typesetting were corrected. All other typographical errors and editor requests in the manuscript were corrected.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Clinical Cases.

Sincerely yours,

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