

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study about the surgical treatment for severe noncontinuous thoracolumbar fractures patients. The severity of injury varies with the number of rib fractures, the presence or absence of angulation, and the age and physical condition of the patient; the injury may be accompanied by severe complications (pneumothorax, hemothorax, pulmonary contusion, pneumonia, and other critical organ damage), and posttraumatic mortality is also relatively high. The recovery process was very smooth. The postoperative follow-up satisfaction was also high, and the surgical results were very significant. In this study, Zhang et al investigated the curative effect of surgical treatment for patients with severe noncontinuous thoracolumbar fractures. A total of 78 rib fractures patients were included in this study. The inclusion and exclusion criterias are very clear. The methods are described in detail, and the results are interesting. Some minor comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor language editing. 2. The figures should be edited. Alough I know what's mean of the Chinese words in the figures, the authors should change them to English. 3. The results are well discussed. Are there any limit of this study? Please make a short discuss. 4. References list is updated. Please update the style of the references according to the journal's guideline.

Answer to reviewer 1#:

Thank you very much for your time to review this manuscript. We really appreciate all your comments and suggestions!

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Response: We polished this manuscript and edited the language with the help of American Journal Experts.

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Response: The Chinese words in figures and throughout the text were changed into English according to your suggestion .

3. The results are well discussed. Are there any limit of this study? Please make a short discuss.

Response: The limitation of this retrospective research were discussed according to your kindly advice.

4. References list is updated. Please update the style of the references according to the journal's guideline.

Response: We have modified the references style according to the journal's guideline.

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Very interesting study. Please add the IRB statement in the text. And please change the Chinese words in the figures to English. And some minor language polishing should be revised.

Answer to reviewer 2#:

Thank you very much for your time to review this manuscript. We really appreciate it.

Response: IRB was added in the text. We polished this manuscript and edited the language with the help of American Journal Experts. The Chinese words in figures and throughout the text were changed into English according to your suggestion.