

Response to Reviewers' and Editors' comments:

Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: This is an interesting and meaningful study, and I recommend accept.

Response: Thank you so much for taking the time to review this manuscript, and for your kind comments. The manuscript has been written and edited by a native English speaker.

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: acceptable well presented paper

Response: Thank you so much for your time and efforts to review this manuscript, and for your kind comments. As mentioned above, the manuscript has been written and edited by a native English speaker.

Science editor: 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a case report of the nuances of oblique lumbar interbody fusion at L5-S1. The topic is within the scope of the WJO. (1) Classification: Grade B and Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The authors found an interesting and meaningful study. It is a well presented paper; and (3) Format: There are 7 figures. (4) References: A total of 26 references are cited, including 7 references published in the last 3 years; (5) Self-cited references: There are 2 self-cited references. The self-referencing rates should be less than 10%. Please keep the reasonable self-citations that are closely related to the topic of the manuscript, and remove other improper self-citations. If the authors fail to address the critical issue of self-citation, the editing process of this manuscript will be terminated; and (6) References recommend: The authors have the right to refuse to cite improper references recommended by peer reviewer(s), especially the references published by the peer reviewer(s) themselves. If the authors found the peer reviewer(s) request the authors to cite improper references published by themselves, please send the peer reviewer's ID number to the editorialoffice@wjgnet.com. The Editorial Office will close and remove the peer reviewer from the F6Publishing system immediately. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B and Grade B. 3 Academic norms and rules: The authors provided the CARE Checklist-2016 and Written informed consent was waived. No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an unsolicited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJO.

Response: Thank you so much for taking the time to review this manuscript, and for your detailed comments and assessment. The self-citation rate is less than 10% (2/26), as recommended. No new references were added.

5 Issues raised: (1) The authors did not provide original pictures. Please provide the original figure documents. Please prepare and arrange the figures using PowerPoint to ensure that all graphs or arrows or text portions can be reprocessed by the editor;

Response: Thank you so much for raising this issue. All original figures and subfigures have been arranged into a PowerPoint file and have been submitted with this revision.

(2) The "Case Presentation" section was not written according to the Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation. Please re-write the "Case Presentation" section, and add the "FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP" sections to the main text, according to the Guidelines and Requirements for Manuscript Revision. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Response: Thank you so much for raising this issue. The revised manuscript includes all recommended sub-sections ("FINAL DIAGNOSIS", "TREATMENT", and "OUTCOME AND FOLLOW-UP") for each of the Case Presentations.

Company editor-in-chief: I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Orthopedics, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office's comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Response: Thank you so much for your time and efforts to review this manuscript, and for your conditional acceptance.