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Dear Editor,



Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (Current strategies for the restoration of adequate lordosis during lumbar fusion, n° 8605).

Title: Current strategies for the restoration of adequate lordosis during lumbar fusion

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We would like to thank the comments by reviewer 02444815 helping us to improve the quality of the manuscript. 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) The percentages of lordosis distribution along the lumbar spine were included in the table 4 making the comparison more consistent with the figure 7, as recommended by the reviewer.

(2) We agree that the sagittal imbalance and hypolordosis may generate low back pain. We therefore summarize the consequences of imbalance and hypolordotic construct at short and long term in table 1.

3) References and typesetting were corrected and PMID were included for all references except references 1 and 2 (not referenced in Pubmed)

4) The title is now 11 words long and short running title was added.

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

Sincerely yours,

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