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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I have reviewed ESPS Manuscript NO: 8605 and I believe it is a well written and useful manuscript that should be published. I have edited some of the language to better fit my view of vernacular English. One pervasive criticism is that the authors frequently start their description of the sequela of hypolordosis with "pain" and then go onto describe sagittal imbalance. I would prefer that the sagittal imbalance be emphasized as the event that occurs first followed by the sequela of pain and adjacent degeneration. In describing the amount of LL ascribed to different levels in the spine a mixture of percentages and fractions were employed. The authors should choose one or the other to be consistent. (Figure 7)