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Dear Editor,

Title: Positioning patients for spine surgery: avoiding uncommon position-related complications

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The manuscript does not need any modifications per the reviews comments and feedback. It has been rated as a priority publishing by reviewers.

Please note the following:

- 1- This manuscript is the most comprehensive review on the topic to date. It covers the basic science aspects, the current clinical knowledge and then provides clinical recommendation based on the most recent literature. What seems to be a bit of redundancy is actually the *application* of the basic or clinical research facts in the recommendation section "positioning patients for spine surgery". Because this article is primarily for clinicians, including all current knowledge in a meaningful clinically relevant recommendation necessitated presenting the basic science and evidence based clinical foundation for the recommendation. This may have created what seems to be a redundancy, while it is not, it is actually very important to provide a complete review.
- 2- All references were cross checked with DOI and PubMed ID included when available
- 3- One of the images (Fig. 2) needs permission to reproduce it as it copyrighted.

Thank you for inviting us to write this review for the *World Journal of Orthopedics*

Sincerely yours,

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