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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

Dear Colleagues, Thank you very much for the clear summary of the clinical and radiological data regarding a mid-term follow-up of the DCI implant. You report on a 5 year FU of 40 patients (FU rate 80%) that provides excellent results. Only one implant showed migration not requiring revision. The rate of heterotopic ossification, especially of higher grade, is also extremely low. To be honest, this does not correspond to my personal experience, but perhaps there is a difference here in the individual surgical technique or the individual patient prerequisites. However, it should be mentioned on the basis of which examination this detection was made. A CT examination is listed as an example in figure 3. If the CT was the standard examination, this should be mentioned and, above all, discussed again, as the figures for this are extremely low. The classification of the HO according to McAfee is also not entirely correct, as lumbar prostheses form the basis here. This should also be mentioned or the modified grading should be used. Unfortunately, there are still ambiguities regarding the percentage evaluation. Table 1 lists exactly 40 treated levels. This does not reflect the number of treated levels in the text (n=46). Here, absolutely transparent clarity should be provided to confirm the credibility of the figures. Table 1 also indicates a hospitalization period of 10 days. Is there a specific reason for this, or is this due to the local healthcare system? In principle, this work is clearly structured with very good clinical and radiological results. For the discussion I personally would also be interested in how you chose the indication for implantation of this implant. What is the difference between the indication and the conventional cervical total disc prosthesis? In summary, this manuscript needs some minor revisions to be published.



## RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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The revision of the questions and suggestions are now absolutely coherent and sufficient.  
I would now like to make my recommendation for the publication of the manuscript.  
Thank you !