

## PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
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## **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

The authors have reported a retrospective review of 8 cases of spondylodiscitis managed with CT guided percutaneous drainage. The authors have made a day-care approach to the management. However, this is the routine method of management being followed in most of the institutions. The authors should give a justification or the novelty of their management plan to warrant publication despite being the common method of choice in managing the iliopsoas abscess from spondylodiscitis of any cause. Moreover, in case of tubercular spondylodiscitis it is not the method of choice to address the abscess rather it is the medical management, the gold standard treatment of choice and surgical management is needed only to stabilise the weakened spine. Kindly give the rationale behind the treatment approach followed, without any pressure symptoms apart from back pain due to the spondylodiscitis.

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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a retrospective cohort study that highlighted eight patients diagnosed with spondylodiscitis complicated with iliopsoas muscle abscess managed with minimally invasive percutaneous CT-guided drainage. This study is well designed, executed and presented. The conclusion is consistent with the evidence presented. The discussion is relevant. References are up to date and relevant. Figures are well presented. In the Abstract section, the methods were missing. The table 2 needs to be adjusted. The only drawback is that this study is a single-center study with only 8 cases and no control group was recruited.

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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

1)Formatting and Grammer needs to be checked . 2) Repetion of information in result and discussion section can be avoided 3) Antibiotic Usage - rationale behind using them ,can be useful for readers

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Good study well designed