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The manuscript has to have major revision taking in consideration all the following comments: 1-In page 4 , under Literature Review “ 54 peer reviewed articles met the Criteria... ” it should be clear what are the criteria used to include or exclude any publication. 2-Under the results: It is not mentioned how many of those patients were known to have peripheral Gout before the onset of symptoms that led to the diagnosis of spinal gout. 3-Also it should be mentioned how was the diagnosis of spinal gout was made in those 68 patients (by aspiration , during surgery or based on MRI findings) because some patients were treated medically with surgical intervention. 4-In page 5 under laboratory Studies : 45(66.2% with elevated uric acid , it is very important to how many of the 68 patients were on uric acid lowering drugs because this could be the cause of normal uric acid in the remaining 33.8% of patients 5-In page 6 under Case illustration in the second line of the last paragraph it is mentioned that “osseous erosive changes at the 3rd finger ” . In fact in the x-rays it is the 4th finger DIP. 6-In the abstract under results it is mentioned “ the most common surgical treatment performed was laminectomy in 35.3% ” while in page 6 under Treatment it is mentioned “ Thirty five (51.5%) patients had laminectomy . . 7-Under Treatments: adding all the % of patients



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who underwent different surgeries is not 100%, please explain.

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It is a good review concerning the spinal gout consisting of the symptom and signs, treatment option and lab data analysis. The authors also demonstrated a case report of spinal gout treated by surgery. This paper should be published.