

Answering Reviewers

(1) Reviewer #1

Comment: Acute traumatic spinal cord injury is a common condition in emergency department. Aim of the paper is comparing the treatment modalities of this trauma. I would like to accept this paper which includes large spinal cord trauma patients. Thank you.

(2) Reviewer #2:

Comment 1: How did you choose the groups (steroid and non-steroid)?

Response 1: Our study was a retrospective study, patients enrolled in steroid or non-steroid groups are based on whether the usage of steroid during hospital stay.

Comment 2: Have patients been randomly assigned to these groups? If not, you should specify if there were some basic factors that may have influenced final outcomes.

Response 2: Because of groups in our retrospective study based on whether patients were exposed to those factors including the usage of steroid, time to surgery and so on. Therefore, patients were not randomly assigned to these groups. Furthermore, our results of baseline characteristics revealed that there was no difference in sex, age, co-morbidity and ASIA grade at admission between those groups.