**SDI Review Form 1.6**

**PART 1:**

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<td>SPONDYLOLISTHESIS IN A CITY IN SOUTH SOUTH GEO-POLITICAL ZONE OF NIGERIA.</td>
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**General guideline:** Reviewers are requested to follow these guidelines during review: *(Note: Title of different sections as proposed below may differ in case of review paper/case reports)*

- Introduction (Is the problem/objective of this study original, important and well defined?)
- Materials & methods (Kindly comment on the suitability of the methods. Sufficient details of the methods should be provided to allow peers to evaluate and/or replicate the work)
- Results & discussion (Kindly comment on: 1. Are the data well controlled and robust? 2. Authors should provide relevant references during discussion. 3. Discussion and conclusions should be based on actual facts and figures. Biased claims should be pointed out. 4. Are statistical analyses must for this paper? If yes, have sufficient and appropriate statistical analyses been carried out?)
- Conclusion (Is the conclusion supported by the data, discussed inside the manuscript? Conclusions should not be biased and should be based on the data, presented inside the manuscript only)
- Are all the references cited relevant, adequate? Are there any other suitable current references authors need to cite?
- This form has total 10 parts. Kindly note that you should use all the parts of this review form.
### General comments:
This is a study of lumbo-sacral spine radiographs for spondylolisthesis with emphasis on localisations, sex distribution, types and grading, based on patients referred to Radiology Department of University of Uyo teaching hospital, Uyo, Nigeria. The scientific interest of the study is limited, with important methodological weaknesses. The presentation of the results and the discussion is unsophisticated.

### Abstract:
The scientific interest of the article should be stated in relation to the objective. This is not a "prospective cohort study", it is simply a descriptive study.

### Introduction:
The scientific interest of the study should be stated clearly in this chapter. The objective of the study should be related to an issue presenting an interest for the scientific community.

### Methods:
The standard protocol for radiographs should be described.
How were the results of the radiographs classified?

### Results:
Table 1 could be omitted and the respective results could...
be presented summarized in the text. In table 2 the age-distribution could be grouped into 3 or 4 groups. The figure presenting the classification by grade could also be omitted and presented in the text. Clinical characteristics of patients should be presented.

Discussion:
It is not clear what the patients included represent, in the frame of a clinical and socioeconomic aspect. The main question is what the scientific interest of the study is, and what the meaning of its conclusion is.

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