

[LETTERS TO THE EDITOR]

Lumbar Kyphosis

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To the Editor We read with great interest the recent article by Shimizu (1). The author described a case of severe kyphosis presenting with chronic dyspnea and discussed the relationship between kyphosis and dyspnea. However, we have some concerns about this discussion.

Based on the image shown in the article, we suspect that this is a case of lumbar kyphosis (1, 2), not thoracic kyphosis. The thoracic spine is not kyphotic but flat. The association between thoracic kyphosis and ventilator dysfunction is known (3). However, the association between lumbar kyphosis and ventilator dysfunction is not clear, although its relationship with gastroesophageal reflux is known (4). A reference the author cited in the discussion is a study investigating the relationship between thoracic kyphosis and ventilator dysfunction (3). Therefore, this reference is not appropriate to use as an explanation of the respiratory symptoms of this

patient.

The authors state that they have no Conflict of Interest (COI).

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