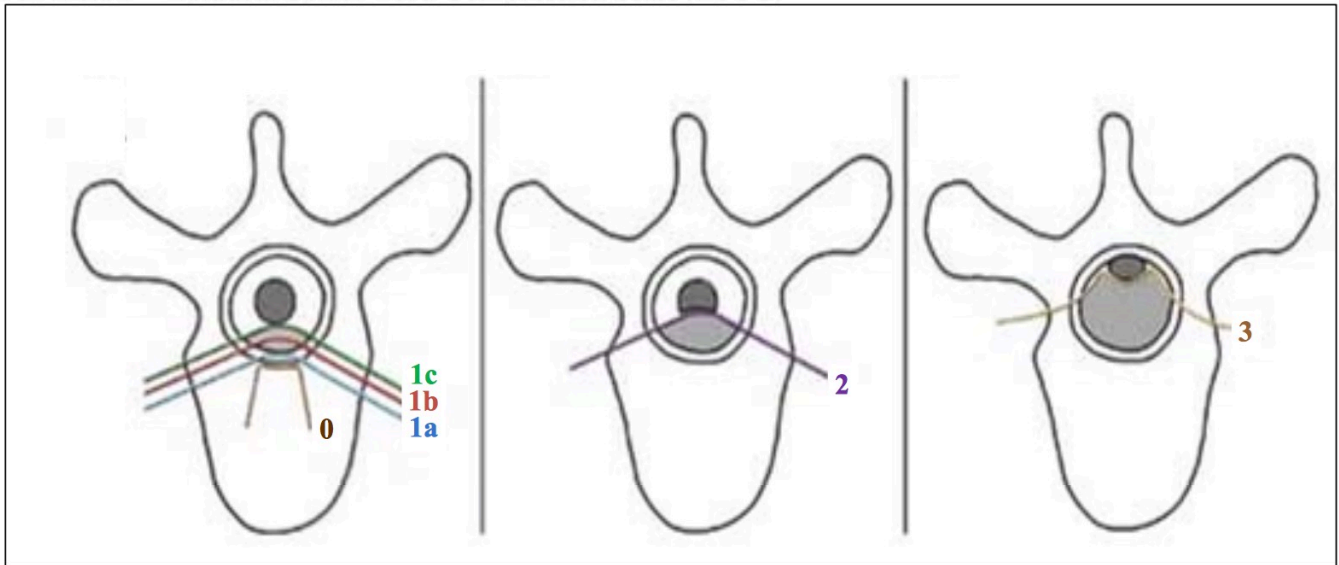




Schematic representation of the 6-point ESCC grading scale.

Grade 0	Bone-only disease
Grade 1a	Epidural impingement, without deformation of thecal sac
Grade 1b	Deformation of thecal sac, without spinal cord abutment
Grade 1c	Deformation of thecal sac with spinal cord abutment, without cord compression
Grade 2	Spinal cord compression, with cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) visible around the cord
Grade 3	Spinal cord compression, no CSF visible around the cord

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