Reviewer’s report

Title: Bilateral apical vertebral derotation technique by vertebral column manipulation compared with vertebral coplanar alignment technique in the correction of Lenke type 1 idiopathic scoliosis

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I enjoyed reading a nice paper comparing VCM and VCA. The results were excellent.
My concern is the inclusion criteria. The authors excluded the curves with too small pedicle and the curves larger than 75 degrees.

Discretionary Revisions
Please clarify how small the pedicles are contra-indication for VCM or VCA.
How do the authors treat these curves?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.
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