Reviewer’s report

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Major compulsory revisions

(a) "In case of failure at three months, it will be recommended that the patient, irrespective of the treatment initially received, wear a rigid or semi-rigid dorsolumbar brace, whose efficacy will be evaluated using 'to' the same criteria at month six to ensure the patient is at least partially relieved at the end of the study, provided that the he/she had not used a brace before the start of the study."

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(b) The text from comment 2 from the authors cover letter is relevant and should be included in the introduction, with citations in the references, because these issues reflect clinical context and generalisability of the study findings.

Also can the changes in the manuscript please be tracked.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests