Reviewer's report

Title: Validity of the Walter Reed Visual Assessment Scale to measure subjective perception of spine deformity in patients with idiopathic scoliosis. A preliminary analysis

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General
The paper by Sonia Pineda et al. is a good validation of the Walter Reed Visual Assessment Scale. It is clearly written, of good scientific quality, and easy to read: not redundant nor too brief. In this period of conservative treatment research it is very important to refine the knowledge of the outcome measurements related to other than the deformity, but anyway of great importance for final results (see SOSORT Consensus). I would only suggest the authors to introduce some more citations of Scoliosis and SOSORT Consensus statements. Moreover, I suggest the authors to change the title: this is not a preliminary analysis (this could reduce the importance of the paper), is a good study. I strongly support the publication of this paper.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
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Accept without revision

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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