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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Reviewer: Manuel Rigo

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General

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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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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

- Some text to explain the figures would be great
- Figures could be bigger, especially that on the WRVAS
- The first paragraph in the results section seems to fit better with methods. The first point in the results section should be floor and ceiling effects .

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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.