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First of all I'd like to thank the reviewers for their comments on the guideline which are highly appreciated. The little mistake (1) has been corrected, (2) treatment free interval has been explained (6-12 weeks without physical therapy for those patients at that time have low risk for curve progression) and a sentence on brace treatment in adults with pain has been added (brace treatment when a positive effect has been proven [44].)

With respect to the Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore) I have added a sentence with respect to point 1 (It has to be emphasized that (1) physical therapy for scoliosis is not just general exercises but rather one of the cited methods designed to address the particular nuances of spinal deformity, and (2) application of such methods requires therapists and clinicians specifically trained and certified in those scoliosis specific conservative intervention methods.)

Point 2 and 3 seem to be rather complex and we still do not have enough evidence based knowledge to address these figures now, however it is my believe that in a future version of this guideline the points you have risen will play a big role.

The ms. is now ready to be published!

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