Author's response to reviews

Title: The impact of patient self assessment of deformity on HRQL in adults with scoliosis

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Dear Editors,

I would firstly like to apologise for the delay in returning the manuscript, and thank you for your comments on the previous version. The manuscript has undergone extensive revision, and the focus has shifted from providing a recent review of studies exploring the relationship between radiographic indicators and self reported patient outcomes. The poor link between radiographic measures and self reported outcomes demonstrates a need for instruments such as the WRVAS, which enable patients to report on their perceptions of deformity.

Literature in the current version has also been updated to include most recent publications involving the WRVAS as well as reviewer recommendations, and literature has been summarised into two tables.

The format of the methodology and results, as well as the whole manuscript has been revised to conform to Scoliosis Journal specifications.

Study one has been omitted in line with reviewer comments, such that only the WRVAS data has been presented.

In the discussion, further recommendations are made as to how the WRVAS could be improved, beyond current discussion in the literature.

We hope that the revised manuscript meets your expectations.

Respectfully,

The Authors