Reviewer's report

Title: Rare Causes of Scoliosis and Spine Deformity: Experience and Particular Features

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Reviewer: Marc Asher

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General
English edit is needed.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

As the series ended in 2002, follow-up of at least 2 years should be provided for each patient.

Table 1 Recommend adding a reference. The Table, or various versions of it, are in several publication. One is The Pediatric Spine: Principles and Practice. 2nd edition, Edited by Weinstein, S.L. Philadelphia, PA Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, pp 1031, 2001.

Suggest re-organizing the order of case presentation to fit the classification scheme: eg Rett in neuropathic, FSH in myopathic, etc. Some don't fit in the SRS scheme, such as Noonan and this can be acknowledged.

Pare 4/ Results. Fourteen (or twelve) patients?

Table 2 The number add up to 16, not 12. Suggest removing the 1 after FSH, progressive hemidystonia, phocomelia and congenital blindness.

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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)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published