Reviewer’s report

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

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General
The authors have successfully addressed all of the issues raised.

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

Case 5, Line 7 “Pulmonary function tests (FEV1 40%) showed severe restrictive disease - - -” My understanding is that FEV1 is a test of obstructive disease and VC of restrictive disease, in general. If this is correct I question the use of the word restrictive and suggest leaving it out.

Cases 7,8. Same concern as above in paragraph 2, lines 4 and 5; and in the last paragraph, line 4.

Page 17, last sentence. - - the patient present stable condition - - - Suggest - - - the patients condition is stable - - -.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable