Reviewer's report

Title: Rigid braces can replace casts in the first correction of adolescent idiopathic scoliosis. A controlled prospective cohort study on the Sforzesco brace versus Risser cast

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Reviewer: Charles H. Rivard

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Good paper to demonstrate that brace could replace cast. We are not sure that it's still necessary to divide the scoliosis treatment in two phases. Personally we are thinking that we have only one phase, from the beginning of treatment to 5 years follow-up.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest