Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment of Thoracolumbar and Lumbar Curves with P.A.S.B. Brace for Idiopathic Scoliosis: assessment of results following the S.R.S. Committee on Bracing and Nonoperative Management Standardization Criteria.

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I still have a concern that the authors have excluded non compliant patients from their analysis(methods,p1;15). While it is acceptable to report the results in patients that they feel were compliant by subjective judgement, they should also report the outcomes in those who were not compliant. This suggestion is consistent with the concept of reporting on the "intent to treat" which must should be applied when there is no objective data.

Also, the subject in figure 2 appears quite mature.

It would be nice if the authors would comment in the discussion section on why the brace is not used in higher curves. Lumbar and thoraco lumbar curves naturally have a lesser risk of progression than thoracic and double major curves.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

i have no competing interests.