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We thank the reviewers for their suggestions. In response to concerns about Cobb angle magnitude, we have provided a revised table reflecting the two methods used for Cobb angle measurement. Since some the copies of the radiographs provided were cropped at the T-1 vertebrae, and according to convention for most scoliosis studies (e.g. Smyrnis PN. Sekouris N. Papadopoulos G. 2009. Surgical assessment of the proximal thoracic curve in adolescent idiopathic scoliosis. European Spine Journal. 18(4):522-30, 2009), we eliminated the numbers on the proximal thoracic curve. The primary curve measurements are closely in accord until degenerative processes resulted in divergent choices for end vertebrae, and this is reflected in the numbers provided. We also have altered the text accordingly, to indicate that a change of >10 degrees Cobb was detected. References citing manuscripts in which similar issues with inter-rater and interdisciplinary reliability have been described, have been included in the 'case presentation' (References 65-70).