Reviewer's report

Title: Development and repeatability of an everyday clinical tool to evaluate aesthetics in scoliosis patients: TRACE (Trunk Aesthetic Clinical Evaluation)

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Minor Essential Revisions

In Discussion section the authors could address the question whether the evaluation of AI and TRACE done after photographs gives the same results as the evaluation done on live exam. The photographs are static while the exam reveals more three-dimensional images which are consistently being recorded by the physician.

Another issue which could be discussed is the eventual correlation of TRACE values with POTSI values, as both indexes can be measured on photographs.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.