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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Discretionary Revisions

1. Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
   Yes

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
   Sensibility and Specificity of raters are not evident

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
   Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
   Yes

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
   No I think that the authors must add "versus AI (Aesthetic Index)"

7. Is the writing acceptable?
   Yes

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 interests