Reviewer's report

Title: Treatment of chronic low back pain in patients with spinal deformities using a sagittal re-alignment brace

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Major Compulsory Revisions- None.

Minor essential Revisions- None.

Discretionary Revisions- 1) Define- Is short term 6 months, mid-term 18 months? 2) "at the time of brace adjustment", this is t2 is this after one week post initial bracing or does it vary? 3) Under first discussion page 2 it's stated that no improvement of pain was noted at 6 months, however, in conclusions it's stated that "the sagittal re-alignment brace leads to promising short-term improvements" - is this referring to improvement at mid-term or the change in the minimum of 20 hours per day of wearing the brace?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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