Author's response to reviews

Title: A specific scoliosis classification correlating with brace treatment: description and reliability

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Dear Dr. Theodoros B Grivas
Editor-in-Chief of Scoliosis

As main author, I am re-submitting for publication in Scoliosis a paper entitled ‘A specific scoliosis classification correlating with brace treatment: description and reliability’. I kindly ask you to accept this paper for publication after the corrections recommended by the reviewers have been accomplished as explained in the next paragraphs.

Answer to reviewer 2: Toru Maruyama

The authors are very thankful for this constructive report.

Main compulsory revisions have been made according to the reviewer recommendations:

1) Pag. 8 According the SRS terminology: there are not fractioned no functional curve in the SRS Revised Glossary of Terms, 2009. Compensatory and non structural may be more adequate.

Done.

2) Figure 2 and 3: It is very confusing that ‘clinical criteria’ for the B2 and C2 are completely the same. If this is correct, it is difficult to distinguish some four curves and non 3-non 4 curves by a direct observation. It seems to me that pelvis is centered and trunk is balanced in the C2 curve.

The reviewer is obviously right and the authors are very thankful for this comment. The clinical criteria in B2 were accidentally repeated in C2 type. The figure 3 has been consequently corrected.

Minor essential revision

The authors have improved the quality of some of the pictures attached to the Appendix.
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