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Title: Surgical and conservative treatment of patients with congenital scoliosis: A search for long-term results

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To reviewer 1

Dear Dr Toru Moruyama,

I would like to thank you once more that you accept revising our paper with title: “Surgical and conservative treatment of patients with congenital scoliosis: A search for long term results”.

Unfortunately, our revised manuscript disappointed you at the field of figures captions. It is true that we focused at the content of the paper, according to your recommendations. So we mainly worked on finding new mid-term or long-term studies, and summarized their results in the tables, as you have advised us. Furthermore, we tried to give an objective view to these results to be in agreement with the international approaches about the therapeutic options of congenital scoliosis.

Of course, we underestimate the significance of the content of the figure legends, as we believed that the above corrections would be more important to you. We would like to apologize for this. For this reason we made extra corrections at the figure legends according to your recommendations and the rules of international literature. The legends (4th and 5th were you pinpointed the major problems), were corrected and at the first part we describe the clinical appearance and at the second part, details of the specific radiograph examination. As you have mentioned some information of the text were confusing, so were omitted of the figure captions and were added at the main manuscript text that, in that way, become more explanatory.

Finally, I would like to underline the fact that this manuscript is a result of hard work and, as far as, we believe it is interesting at his field, because there is not such a publication at the international literature. We would be grateful if after our corrections you reconsidered and revised our manuscript once more.

If you believe that our paper needs some extra revisions do not hesitate to contact us again.

With respect,

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