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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”.

First of all, I am pleased that you are well after the enormous earthquake that hit your country. I would like to express my deep sympathy for the disaster and the thousands of death civilians of the tsunami. Greek people are standing by you and, without exceptions, contributes helping those have suffered by one of the greatest devastating natural calamity ever seen.

I enclose you a recent submission of the above mentioned paper. The figure legends have been corrected by Dr Hans Rudolf Weiss, who is the doctor responsible for the clinical and radiograph follow up of the patients that follow conservative treatment for congenital scoliosis, according to your suggestions.

He focus at the pictures 2a, 3b and 4. Especially, for the image 3b, Dr Weiss explains each single radiograph at the figure captions.

At the figure 4, the legends have been changed and the phrases “radiological and clinical improvement” have been omitted and replaced by: “a severe decompensation as had to be expected has been prevented”.

At the figure 5 the term “lateral” has been omitted.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

With respect

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