Reviewer's report

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

Version: 1 Date: 7 November 2010

Reviewer: Toru Maruyama

Reviewer's report:

Again I am disappointed with the revised manuscript because some of my comments in the previous review were ignored.

Major compulsory revisions:
How many mid-or long-term studies are included in this review?
Detailed information of each study included in the review should be described in the results section. Detailed information include: number, age, and gender of the patients, type, location, and magnitude of the deformity, type of surgery, follow-up period, radiological and clinical results including PFT and QOL, and complications.

Figures, figure legends, and explanation of the figures in the text are not matched.
As a rule, every single photograph or radiograph should be explained with figure legend.

Figure 3a: How severe scoliosis is this?
Figure 4: A patient with rib synostosis?
Figure 5: Also a patient with rib synostosis? How improved radiologically and clinically?

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.
Toru Maruyama