Reviewer's report

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

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Figure 2a: The authors indicate these figures are at the age of 10 (left), 12 (middle) and 14 (right). It means that the figures of the surface topography is at the age of 10, the photo in the neutral standing position is at the age of 12 and the photo in the flexion position is at the age of 14. Is that all right? I can not judge whether there is progression or not from these different type of figures, such as surface topography, photo in the neutral standing position and a photo in the flexion position.

Figure 3b: I advised many times that the authors should explain each single radiograph in the figure legend. In my opinion, these 13 photographs are only bothersome. The authors should select 3 or 4 radiographs they think that those radiographs are truly essential for their manuscript.

Figure 4: Again, I can not find any radiological and clinical improvement from these figures. If the authors would like to demonstrate improvement, they should add some figures at the age of 10. Anyway, in the text, Cobb angle was 62 degrees at the age of 10 and 72 degrees at the age of 18. I do not think there is a radiological improvement at all.

Figure 5: I can not find lateral radiograph.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.
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