Reviewer's report

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

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Minor Essential Revisions:

1) Page 3, line 1: "late complications" is written, while the meaning of the rest of the text is referring to early complications as well.

2) Page 15, line 8: "posterior 2 and 3" does not make sense. Do you mean posterior two thirds? Revise the writing.

3) The figures do not match with the legends. There are 7 (seven) group of figures, while there are 5 (five) legends.

4) "Physiotherapy" is referred as treatment at some figure legends, while there is no support evidence or literature reference in the paper. Literature reference about physiotherapy should be added in the text or "physiotherapy" should be removed as treatment option from the legends.

Discretionary Revisions:

1) Page 12, line 10: It is easier for the reader to understand, if the writer clarifies at the first sentence that Thompson et al are referring at surgically treated patients

2) Pages 15, 16: the terms VEPTR, VC, ATR, SIR, are advised to be clarified in the text to ease the reader.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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