Reviewer’s report

Title: Rubinstein-Taybi Syndrome with Scoliosis

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I enjoyed reading this case report of rare syndromic scoliosis treated surgically. Spinal deformity was successfully corrected despite slight coronal decompensation.

The manuscript can be better if the authors further describe how different scoliosis with this syndrome is from idiopathic scoliosis and how difficult to treat it.

Major compulsory revisions:

Does this particular patient have airway anomalies, congenital hear disease, or other major problems?

For each surgery, patient’s age, body height, operation time and blood loss should be added.

Triradiate cartilage seems to be closing on the traction radiograph. When was the patient’s peak height velocity? Was mental retardation the reason for performing the second procedure??

The patient could not walk by himself. Are there other findings that suggest the neurological abnormalities? Are there possibilities of myogenic disorders?

Cobb angles in the figures seem greater especially at the lumbar curve on the traction radiograph. Are the measurements correct?

What does “12” on the postoperative radiograph mean?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.

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