Reviewer's report

Title: Conservative treatment of idiopathic scoliosis according to FITS concept: presentation of the method and preliminary radiological and clinical results respecting SOSORT and SRS criteria.

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Reviewer: Jean Claude de Mauroy

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First of all, we must congratulate the author for her excellent work of synthesis and the rigor of her analysis.

No major compulsory Revision

Minor essential revision

The English text must be corrected using the automatic word corrector for example. There are some spelling defects like: "year, correction, adduction..."

There are some spacing defects like: "easierthe..."


The use of first person makes the text less scientific: "I noted..."

page 6 The acronym ASIS is not defined.

Discretionary revisions

"In those cases we believe that creating and developing compensatory curves above and below the primary curve is beneficial."

The risk of extending the fusion to the lumbar area if surgery is necessary could be discussed.

Page 6, we would like a figure illustrating the opening of the iliolumbar angle in addition to Figure 5

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'