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: Mònica Villagrasa

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Major Compulsory Revisions:

1.- In Results section, you still did not change all my suggestions.. which I think are quite important to remark. Remember that some of them are not significant, so take care on the conclusions. So again, If you see the sample calculated in those that are not significant you could realize that the small n could be the reason....but you should write it in this section... and later in the discussion you can write that is necessary to increase the sample in the future, as you well write in this review.

So maybe I will include as weak point the small sample and explain it in the text because is in the tables but you should explain what those values mean, ok?

And in conclusions I will say that:

1.- FITS method, seems to be capable to alter the natural history...(when you talk in general)

..and if you wanna conclude that is capable will be just:

-in subgroup A1 when you talk about degrees cobb, or in A1, B2

-and A2 th when related to ATR, A1, A2, B2 when plump line, scapula asymmetry or vertical deviation of the apex. Because B1 has just a sample of 5 patients...so a reduce one...

Minor Essential Revisions:

1.- About the exposition of the data in the tables:

a) Table 1, although I should change it, as I suggested, in results as part of the descriptive statistics, what I hardly defend is to make it easy for the reader..so I will write in the text or in the tables that what you are exposing there is in the cobb angle or menarche columns, mean values, and in Risser the frequency..

b) This also happens in Table 2 where I should specify that they are mean values)

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests