Reviewer’s report

Title: Body mass index in relation to truncal asymmetry of healthy adolescents, a pathogenetic concept. Summary of an electronic focus group debate of the IBSE

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Unfortunately, I’m not able to decide on this specific paper and prefer to leave the decision to the Chief-Editor or to the Associate Editor that the Chief-Editor has chosen.

In my view, the publication of this paper depends on a political choice by the Editors. In fact, unfortunately, even if a work has been done, my doubt is that the results are not useful to the readership of the Journal.

In my view, in fact, the paper do not offer any new insight about the theory proposed by Dr. Grivas et al originally. In the focus only some minor comments by other participants have been done, but these comments in my view do not add concepts to the original paper.

Consequently, I'm sorry to say that the only effect of this paper is to re-state the concept of the original work, and report on a discussion that has been attempted but in reality did not drive to new insights.

Level of interest: Reject as not of sufficient priority to merit publishing in this journal

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