Reviewer’s report

Title: In favour of the definition "adolescents with idiopathic scoliosis": juvenile and adolescent idiopathic scoliosis braced after ten years of age, do not show different end results. SOSORT Award Winner 2014.

Version: 2 Date: 2 June 2014

Reviewer: Toru Maruyama

Reviewer’s report:

I enjoyed reading the manuscript comparing JIS and AIS. The authors concluded that the time of diagnosis could not be considered a predictor of progression of idiopathic scoliosis.

Major Compulsory Revisions

I would like to make sure of the inclusion criteria. JIS patients group was, as the authors’ definition, IS patients who were diagnosed before the age of 10 at somewhere else, but underwent no brace treatment, and not evaluated until they were first evaluated at the authors’ institution after the age of 10. Is that correct?

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.