Reviewer’s report

Title: Neck and back problems in adults with idiopathic scoliosis diagnosed in youth. An observational study of prevalence, change over a mean four year time period and comparison with a control group.

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Reviewer: Sabrina Donzelli

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This paper is able to fill a gap in the adult scoliosis field. I want to congratulate with the authors for their very good job.

I have few comments on the paper, why didn't you assess the sports activities or exercises? Physical activities and exercises can compensate pain issues in adults with scoliosis, and in those patients these activity can really influence the level of pain. Can you comment on this in the discussion chapter?

Another limitation of the study, which could be addressed better in the discussion is the lack of clinical objectively assessed data. If I understood well you had the declared Cobb angle and no informations about curve's type and no clinical assessment at the moment of survey collection. This could be a threaten to the generalizability of the results and therefore an important limitation to be considered.

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