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TITLE

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Main idea is clear and concise

ABSTRACT

- Coherent and readable

- Structured format

INTRODUCTION

- Purpose/research clearly stated

Comments

Line 43: instated French questionnaires I suggest write: "There are various questionnaires in France used to evaluate…"

Line 52-74: I suggest put to the Method section

METHOD

Study design appropriate to achieve study objective

Statistical analyses appropriate and used appropriately

Comments

Line 92: " Age 9 to 18" I suggest to add: years
"curve style" I suggest write: curve pattern

RESULTS
Test statistics adequate

Comments

Line: 119: Did the sample include girls and boys?

Could you add information about an average duration of wearing brace (months) and an average time spent in brace per day (h)?

Could you present in percentage patients curve pattern (thoracic %, thoracolumbar %, double major curve%)?

DISCUSSION
Support of hypotheses noted
Similarities and differences to other studies noted

Comments

Line 164: I suggest to add some supporting references

CONCLUSIONS
Clearly stated

REFERENCES
Relevant and comprehensive

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