Comment on “Comparison between constrained and non-constrained Cobb techniques for the assessment of thoracic kyphosis and lumbar lordosis” (J.-M. Mac-Thiong et al.)

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This study well done scientifically (full of too many statistics) has the only advantage to demonstrate that the non-constrained technique (that I used all my life) brings for a specific patient significant value for balance, posture, etc..., very useful for him.

Of course, the variation of the measurement's levels is frequent, but give real and good information for the patient ..., bad for the statistics.

It is why the patient must be compared to himself in the same condition of free reproducible posture and not to a “standard” coming from statistics that means nothing neither for the physician, neither for the patient.

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