



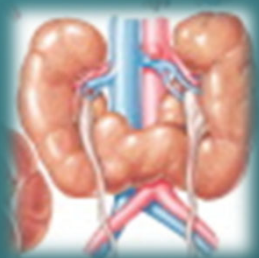
# **SURGICAL TREATMENT FOR EARLY ONSET SCOLIOSIS ASSOCIATED WITH RARE DISEASE**

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# BACKGROUND

Kyphoscoliosis is the most common spinal deformity in rare syndromes.



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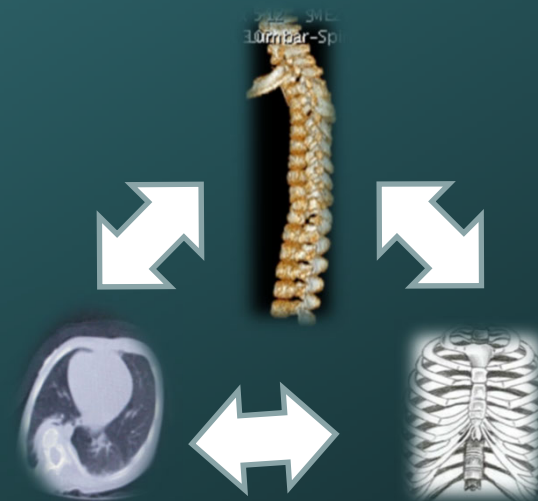
Rapidly evolving

Early Onset or Congenital

Difficult to manage

Numerous malformations

Interdisciplinary approach



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Treatment of scoliosis in intermediate spinal muscular atrophy (SMA type II) in childhood. Orthop Traumatol Rehabil, 2005. Fujak A, Ingenhorts A et al

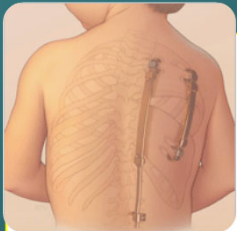
## MATERIAL AND METHODS

From 2006 to 2011  
retrospective study  
11 paediatric patients



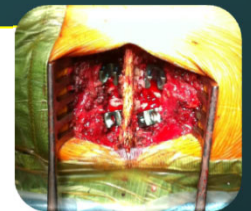
## INCLUSION CRITERIA

- 1) EOS or congenital scoliosis in rare syndrome
- 2) Growth sparing systems
- 3) Follow-up 24 months (12-36)



**VEPTR**  
4 patients

Mean age at 1st visit : **3 yrs** (1-7)  
Mean age at surgery: **5 yrs** (3-9)



**GROWING ROD**  
7 patients

Mean age at 1st visit : **6 yrs** (3-10)  
Mean age at surgery: **9 yrs** (5-12)

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**AIM OF THE STUDY:** to describe an approach to spinal deformities in rare syndromes and to assess the effectiveness of growth sparing systems

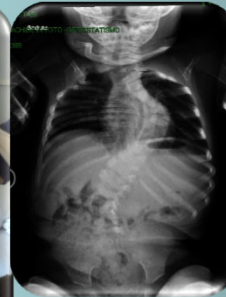
# OUR SYNDROMES

type 1  
neurofibromatosis  
(2)



trisomy 8 (1)

Spondylo-rib dysplasia  
(1)

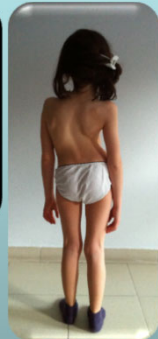
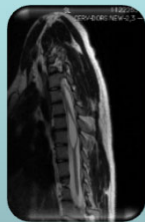


arthrogryposis (2)

Prader Willi (1)



syringomyelia (1)



Arnold Chiari  
type I (1)

Escobar (1)



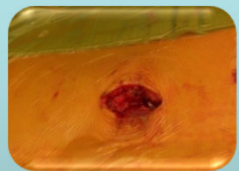
congenital heart  
disease  
(1)



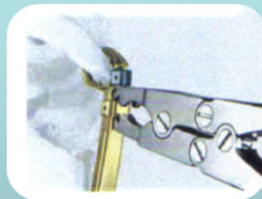
# RESULTS



Preoperative treatment with Bivalve or Milwaukee brace



11 lengthening procedures



average of 11 months after

Mean thoracic curve correction: 50%

**61° to 31°**

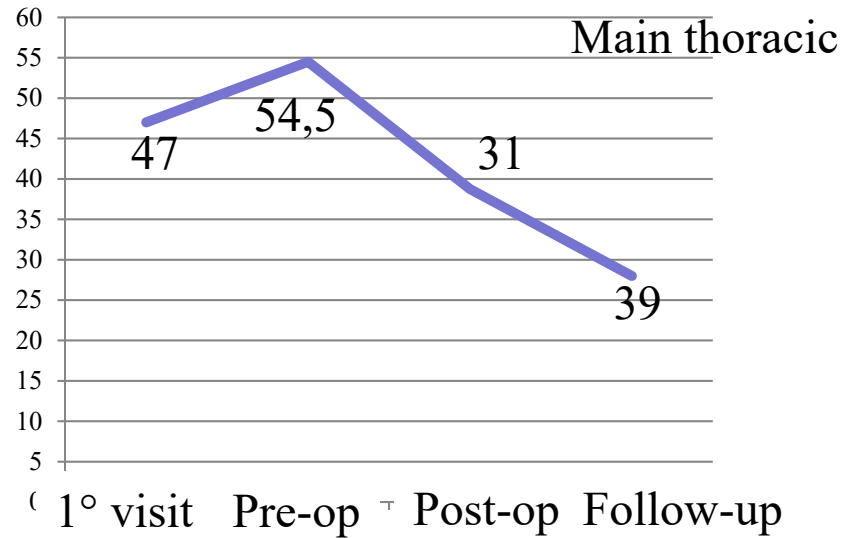
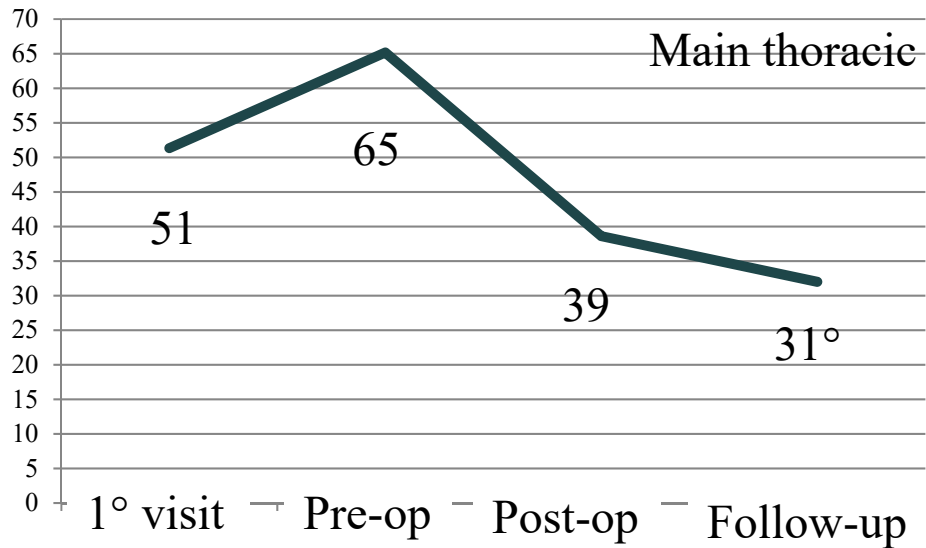
Lumbar curve: loss of correction of 50% at follow up.

8 postoperative complications (mechanicals in all cases)  
2 revision surgeries (not originally planned)

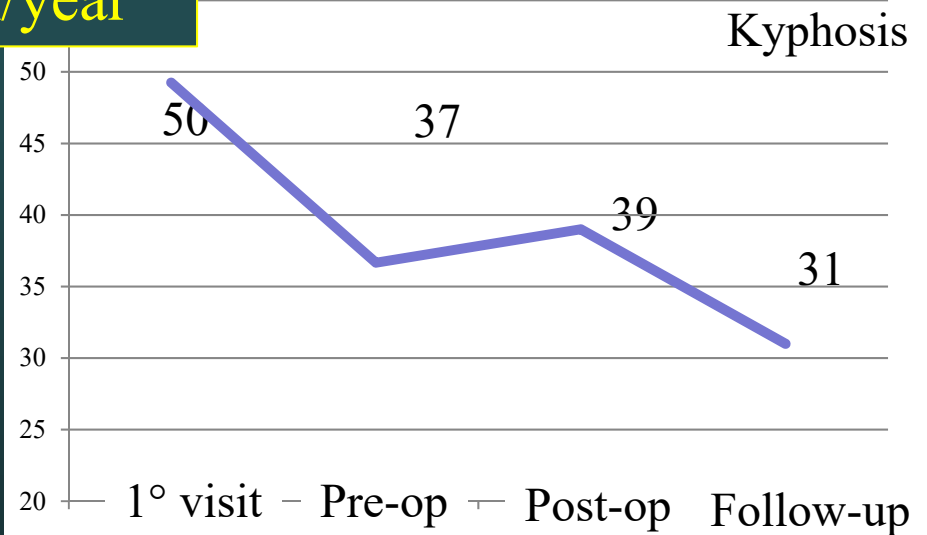
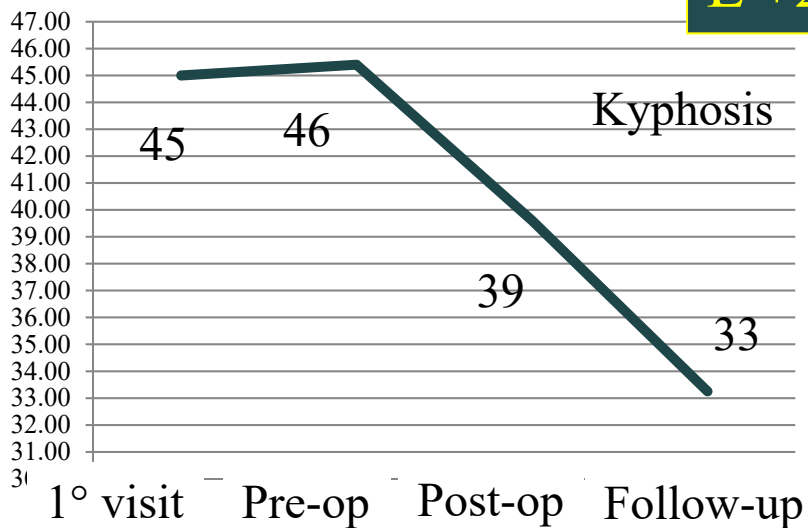
# RESULTS

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VEPTR



L +2 cm/year



# CONCLUSIONS

**TEAM**

## OUR STRATEGY

**Ambulatory for rare diseases**

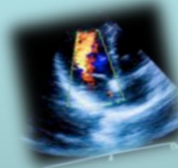
Genetic diagnosis



Pediatric  
Orthopaedic  
Ambulatory



**MRI**



Echocardiogram

Abdominal ultrasound



**CT**

**C0-C2 CT scan**



**Neuro  
Surgeon**

Anesthesiologist  
evaluation



**Neuropsychiatrist**



**PFT**

**Lung CT scan**

**Pneumologist**



**Quality  
of life**

# CONCLUSIONS

- Very aggressive deformities
- Hard to manage it conservatively



## Growth sparing systems

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Clinical and instrumental evaluation specific to each patient

*Without a confirmed genetic diagnosis of a suspected syndrome is impossible to plan preoperative strategy*

Robert M. Campbell, Jr, MD

### VEPTR

< 5 years

Every diagnosis

Correction of chest cage

Little thoracic stiffness



*Muharrem, Emans MD, Spine 34*

### GR

> 5 years

Only for spinal deformities

Cervical extension

Better control of upper thoracic kyphosis

