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- Unique
 - Real international
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Future research questions

- Classification and pathogenesis
 - Can current classification systems recommended for AIS be used for early-onset scoliosis?
 - Do curve patterns in EOS change in time?
- Spinal growth
 - Is Dimeglio data applicable for all ethnicity?
 - Effects of nutrition, environment, ethnic background, race, et.?
- Spinal cord problems
 - Is it necessary to operate all split cord malformations before long segment corrective surgery in patients with congenital spinal deformities?

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- Future research questions
 - Genetics
 - Prognostic factors
 - Risk for progression of EOS
 - Pulmonary consequences
 - Lengthening of the chest cage vs widening of the chest cage
 - Whic his better
 - Relation between the lung compliance and chest cage compliance
 - Sagittal plane
 - Relation with sportive activity of child?
 - Longitudinal study

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 - Long-term effects of posterior surgery
 - Neural element changes at the level instrumented but not fused segments
 - Biologic implications
 - Adjacent segment problems / stress
 - Long fusion vs short fusion
 - Spinal length and and pulmonary capacity
 - Short straight spine is better than long crooked spine, but is worst than long straight spine
 - Hemivertebrectomy
 - Single vs. double approach @ long-term fu