

Three Dimensional True Spine Length (3D-TSL):

A Novel Technique for Assessing
the Outcomes of Scoliosis Surgery

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Introduction

- ▶ Growth Friendly surgeries control scoliosis, however these surgeries are kyphotic by nature
- ▶ “Law of Diminishing Returns”
 - Auto-fusion from surgical intervention?
 - Error in traditional measurement methods?
 - Out of plane growth not captured?



Traditional Measurement

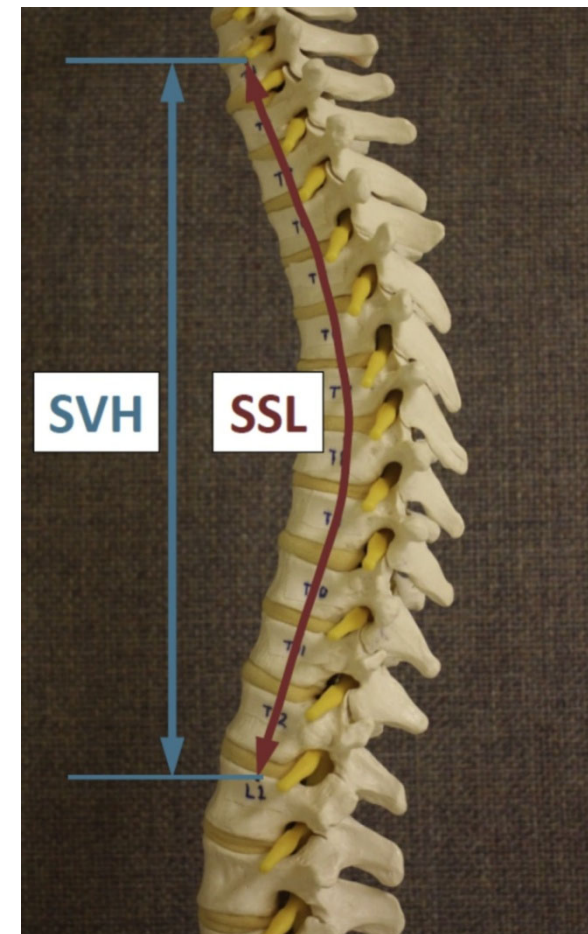
- ▶ Standard-of-Care Vertical Height (SoCVH)
- ▶ Only a Single Dimensional Measurement
- ▶ Serial Height Measurements used to assess growth



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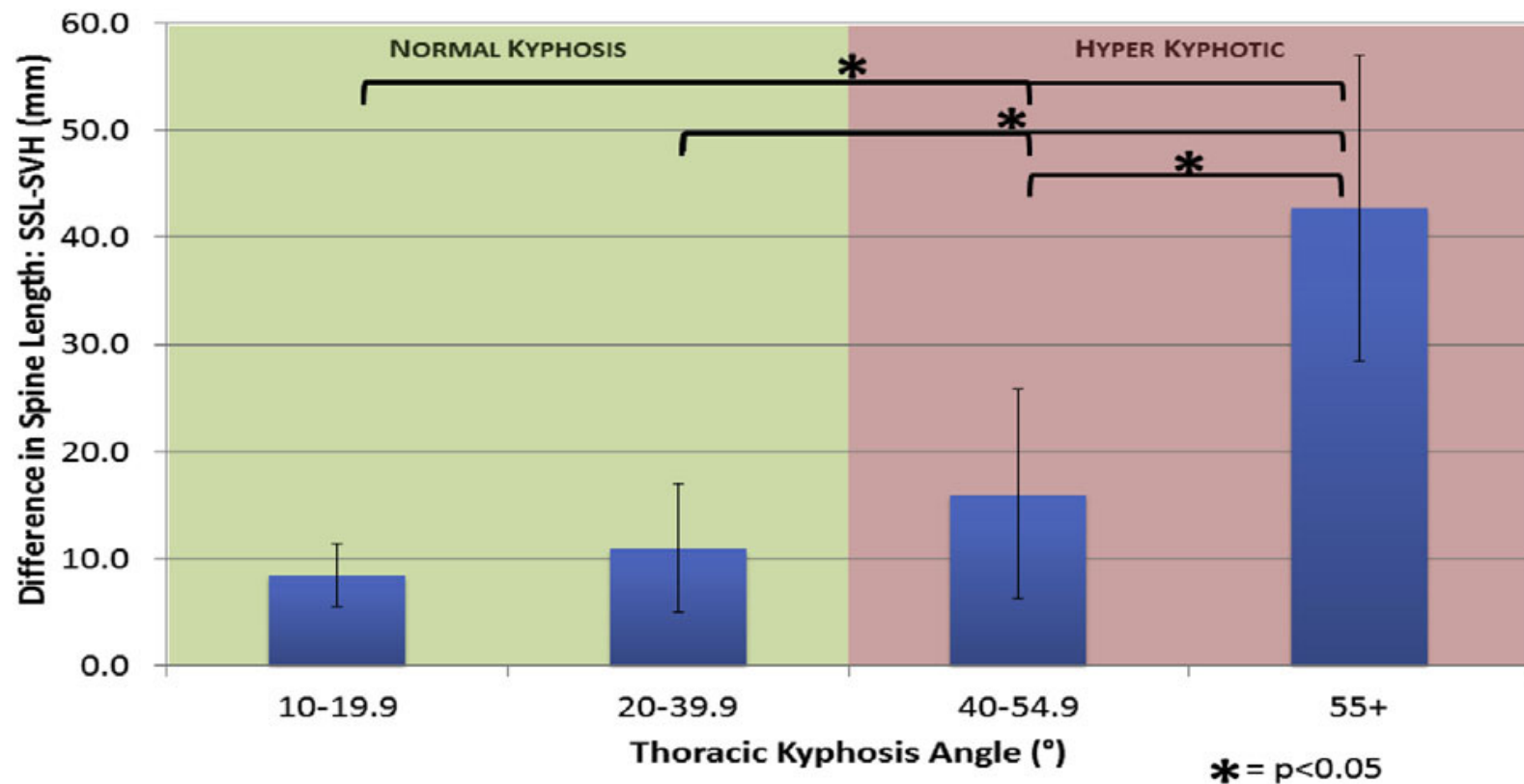
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- ▶ What about the effects of Kyphosis?
- ▶ Sagittal Spine Length (SSL)



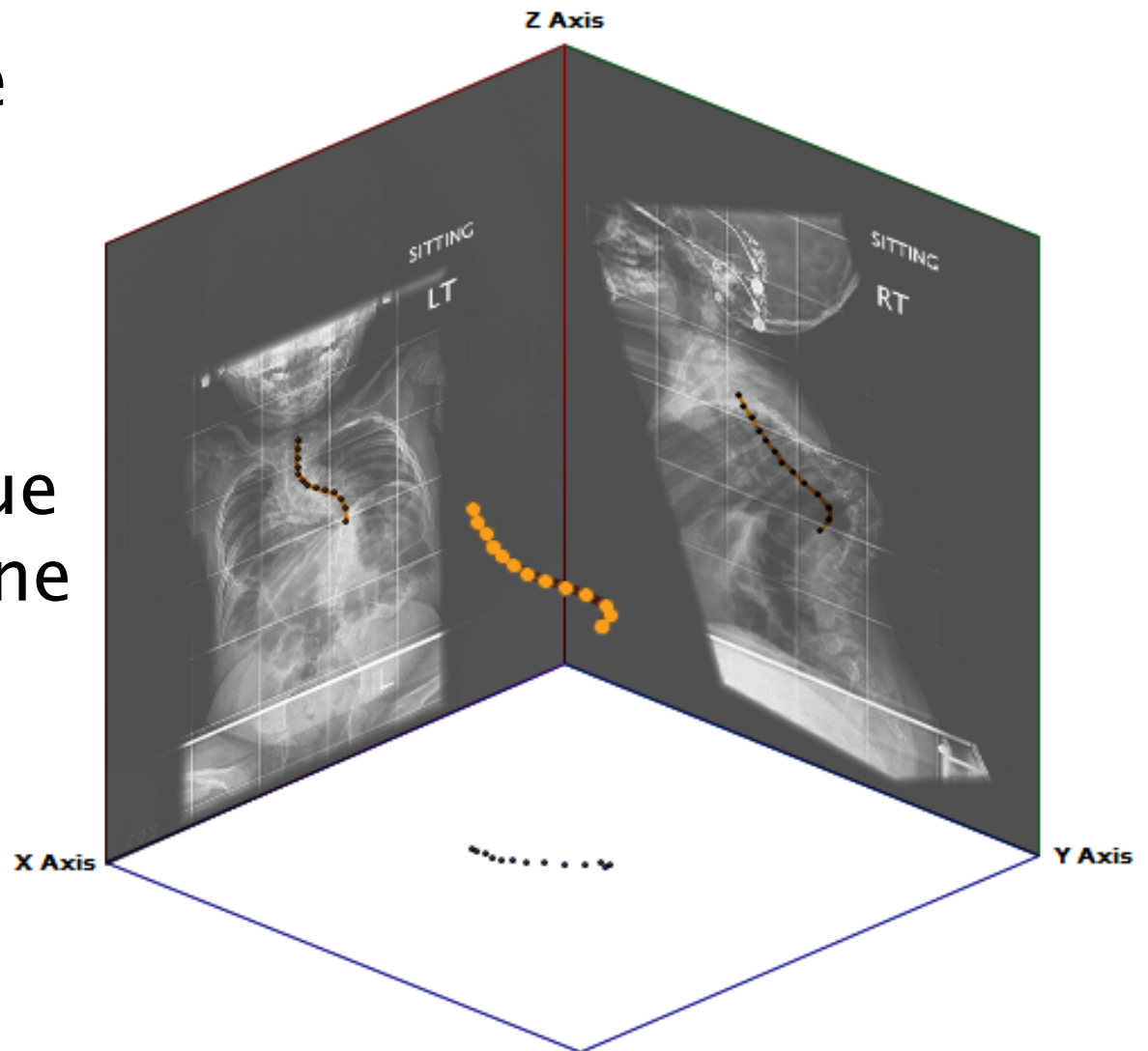
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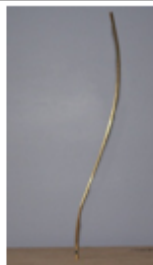







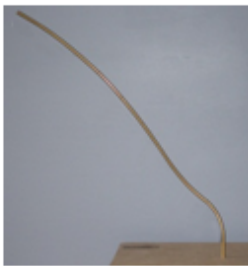






3D True Spine Length (3D-TSL)

- ▶ Biplanar, Three Dimensional Measurement Technique
- ▶ Follows the True Path of the Spine



Accuracy Validation – Methods

- ▶ 3D-TSL Measurement of 10 physical rod configurations
- ▶ Assessed by 5 reviewers

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Coronal										
Sagittal										
	Straight Rod	Normal Sagittal Curvature	20° Right Main Thoracic Curve	Poor Sagittal Sitting Posture	PJKlike Sagittal Curvature	20°/20° Double Major Curve	50° Right Main Thoracic Curve	80° Right Main Thoracic Curve	50°/50° Double Major Curves	80°/80° Double Major Curves

Accuracy Validation – Results

- ▶ Mean Physical Rod Length: 267.7 mm
- ▶ Mean 3D-TSL Measurement: 268.0 mm
- ▶ Mean Error: **1.2mm** (SD: 0.9, Range: 0.0–3.0)
 - Percent Error: **0.4%** (SD: 0.5%, Range: 0.0%–1.1%)
- ▶ Reliability: 0.999
- ▶ Repeatability: 0.997



Clinical Validation – Methods

- ▶ SoCVH and 3D–TSL measurements of the T1 – L1 lengths of 23 pre-operative EOS patients
 - Mean age: 5.6 years 12M/11F
 - Mean Cobb: 68° (22°–102°)
 - Mean Kyphosis: 37° (5°–85°)
 - 7 syndromic, 7 congenital, 6 idiopathic, and 3 neuromuscular
- ▶ Six Reviewers

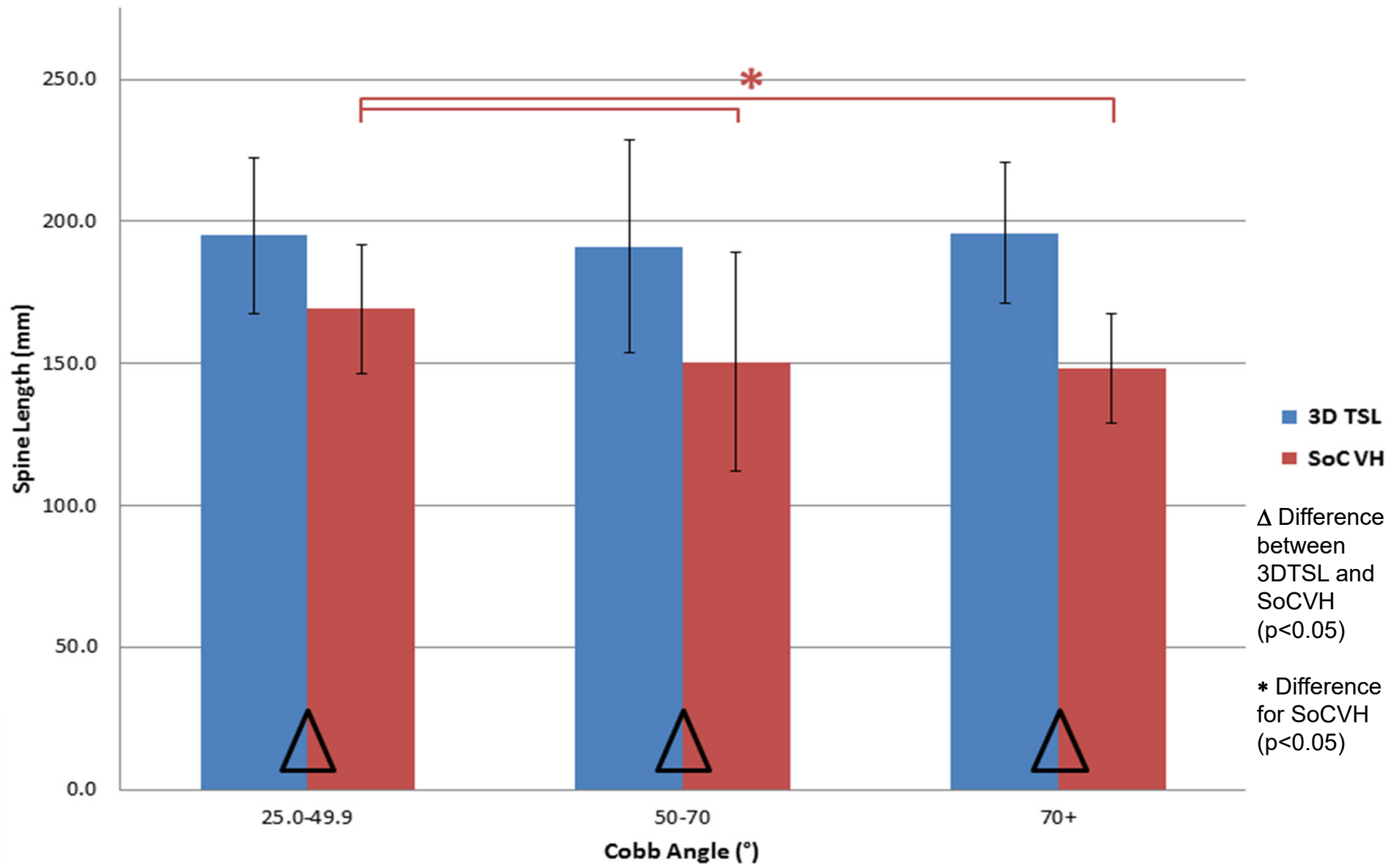


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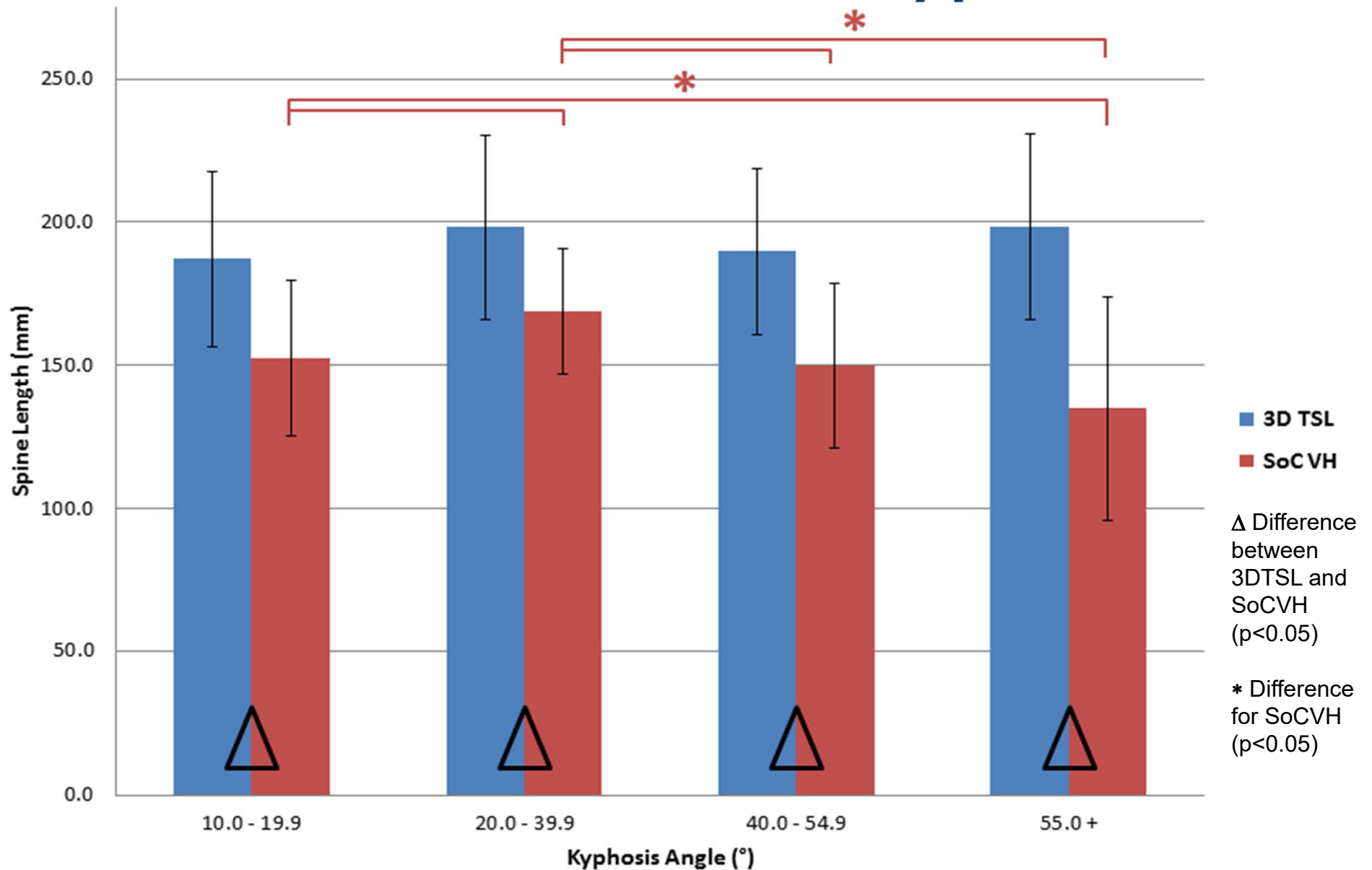
	SoCVH	3DTSL
Reliability ICC	0.975 (95% CI: 0.913 – 0.989)	0.952 (95% CI: 0.882 – 0.982)
Repeatability ICC	0.965 (95% CI: 0.910 – 0.986)	0.944 (95% CI: 0.826 – 0.979)
Spine Lengths (mm)	156.1mm (SD: 29.7, Range: 74.7–207.3)	193.9mm (SD: 30.0, Range: 142.8–276.8)
Measurement Difference	37.8mm (SD: 21.4, Range: 1.3–95.4) ($p < 0.0001$)	



Clinical Validation – Scoliosis



Clinical Validation – Kyphosis



Conclusions

- ▶ 3D-TSL is Accurate (0.4% error).
- ▶ 3D-TSL is Reliable (0.952).
- ▶ 3D-TSL is Repeatable (0.944).
- ▶ 3D-TSL results in greater spine length as compared to traditional coronal plane measures.
- ▶ 3D-TSL complements the traditional measurements used in the assessment of EOS.



Thank You

