Supplementary Figure 1. Descriptions and illustrations of key features of spine mode scores SM1-SM8

Mode (%Var)	Description	±2 SD overlay	-2 SD +2 SD
1 (53.0%)	 Curviness Total amount and direction of curvature within the spine from L5 to T10. Negative scores: Flatter lumbar lordosis and a slight kyphosis in thoracic region (T12-T10). Positive scores: Overall greater curvature throughout, increasing lordosis in both lumbar and thoracic sections. 	+ 2 SD	T10
2 (10.0%)	 Evenness Differences in the distribution of curvature along the length of the spine, with consequent small variations in disc space. Negative scores: Snaking curve with a lumbar lordosis and thoracic kyphosis centred around L1/T12. Positive scores: Increasingly evenly distributed curvature throughout all sections from L5-T10 (superimposed on lordotic, straight or kyphotic overall shape described by SM1). 	- + 2 SD 2 SD	

3 (8.6%)	Relative anterior-posterior diameter Negative scores:	- + 2 SD 2 SD	
4 (7.1%)	A combination of vertebral rotation at L5-L4 and T10 together with changes in disc space Negative scores: • Minor snaking of the curvature with greater anti-clockwise rotation at L5, L4, and T10 with smaller caudal disc spaces. Positive scores: • More uniform shape with smaller cranial disc spaces.	- + 2 SD 2 SD	

5 (2.1%)	 Vertebral rotation at T10, L3 and L5 with resulting minor variations of lordosis and kyphosis and varying L4/L5 disc space. Negative scores: Thoracic section tending towards a kyphosis but a flatter lordosis (anti-clockwise rotation at T10 and L3, clockwise rotation at L5). Smaller L5 anterior tilt and narrower L4/L5 disc space. Positive scores: straighter T10-L2 section with a slightly greater lordosis from L3-L5 (clockwise rotation at T10 and L3, anti-clockwise rotation at L5). Greater L5 anterior tilt and wider L4/L5 disc space. 	- + 2 SD 2 SD	
6 (1.5%)	 Difference in anteroposterior vertebral body diameter cranially to caudally. Negative scores: Smaller a-p diameters cranially; smaller than average at T10, T11 but wider than average at L3-L5. Smaller L4/L5 disc space. Positive scores: More uniform a-p diameters; greater than average at T10, T11 but smaller than average at L3-L5. Greater L4/L5 disc space. 	- + 2 SD 2 SD	

7 (1.3%)	Minor variation in a-p diameter at T10-T12 and at L4-L5 Negative scores: • Smaller T10-T12, but larger than average L4-L5 a-p diameter. Squarer vertebral bodies in thoracic section. Positive scores: • Greater T10-T12 but smaller than average L4-L5 a-p diameter.	- + 2 SD 2 SD	
8 (1.2%)	Variation in L2-L4 vertebral body height, with consequent variation in disc space. Negative scores: - Smaller vertebral body heights, relatively larger disc spaces. Positive scores: - Taller vertebral body heights, relatively smaller disc spaces.	- + 2 SD 2 SD	

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