Reviewer’s report

Title: Anesthetic considerations of Adults with Morquio's Syndrome-A Case Report

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Major revisions
I had the pleasure of reviewing the manuscript entitled “Anesthetic considerations of Adults with Morquio’s Syndrome-A Case Report”:

The authors describe a case of Morquio’s syndrome, a rare disease with interesting implications for the anaesthesiologist!

A case report needs to be original. You need a stronger statement in the introduction as to what is new and different about the circumstances, diagnosis, and treatment of this patient. Why should the reader be curious to read the details of your case report? What makes your case “special”? 

I was disappointed by the fact that the authors focus their attention mainly on the fiberoptic tracheal intubation (!), generically describing the fiberoptic technique without any report i.e. concerning the endotracheal tube: these patients may require an endotracheal tube that is smaller than predicted.

Furthermore, these patients must be carefully positioned intraoperatively secondary to joint laxity and instability. Therefore, I think it would be more valuable to discuss about the problems related to the orthopaedic surgery, also reporting the literature. (No mention of the anesthesia-related literature)

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.