Reviewer's report

Title: Absent cervical spine pedicle and associated congenital spinal abnormalities - a diagnostic trap in a setting of acute trauma: Case Report

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Would suggest working with an English editor and have them review the manuscript: “Patient history revealed untreated chronic neck pain since many years”

Text is some what long and should be shortened for a case report

The authors should be commended for establishing this abnormality as not resulting from an acute traumatic event. An additional aspect which should be mentioned differentiating acute fractures from congenital pedicle/facet abnormalities is that there is no anterolithesis of the vertebral bodies with these congenital anomalies.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'