Author's response to reviews

Title: Growth in Children with Cerebral Palsy during five years after Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy: a practice-based study

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Dear editor,

Hereby we submit a study on growth in children with cerebral palsy (CP), subtype spastic diplegia. To our knowledge it is the first available study with longitudinal growth data in a specific CP subtype and in specific gross motor function classification system (GMFCS) levels.

In affluent societies, growth retardation due to calorie malnutrition is common in CP, and the growth potential for adequately nourished children in different CP-subtypes and GMFCS-levels is unknown. This study adds knowledge needed in the health surveillance of children with CP.

We want to publish our study in an open access journal as we think the paper is important in all parts of the world, also in low- and middle-income countries.

Lund Feb 19th 2010,

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