Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of hip dislocation in regions with and without a surveillance programme: a cross sectional study in Sweden and Norway

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This report is a useful addition to the subject of hip surveillance for children with CP who are a risk of hip dislocation. It adds further substance to the value of hip surveillance for these patients.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. P7, Para 2 beginning ‘In the Norwegian counties....’ and ending ‘...data were further analysed’. This would be better placed in Para 1 of the Results section
2. P11, Para 2, Line 19: ‘(refs)’ seems to indicate that some reference citations are missing from the text
3. P13, Para 1, Line 8: ‘...GMFCS III-IV... ’. Should this be ‘...GMFCS III-V...'?

Discretionary Revision
1. Adductor surgery. Although the main focus of the report is not on surgery, it would be helpful for the surgical reader to know what the authors mean by ‘adductor surgery’. Was this a myotenotomy of adductor longus and gracilis only? Was psoas included? Or was it a more variable procedure? A couple of sentences to clarify this would be helpful.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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