Reviewer's report

Title: Inter-examiner Reliability of the Diagnosis of Cervical Pillar Hyperplasia (CPH), and the Correlation Between CPH and Spinal Degenerative Joint Disease (DJD)

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General
The manuscript is well-written, informative, and statistically sound. In my opinion, I would not address the Harrison et al (reference 5 and 6) comments more than just briefly mentioning them. The manuscript's current prose seem defensive in regard to Harrison's misinterpretation of Peterson's research on pillar hyperplasia. Also, maybe a viable area of further research could entail associating pillar hyperplasia to altered intersegmental or overall cervical range of motion.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
NONE

Minor Compulsory Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
NONE

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
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