Reviewer's report

Title: Characteristics of children with hip displacement in cerebral palsy

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Review of Paper: Characteristics of children with hip displacement in cerebral palsy by Hagglund et al

1. The questions are well defined as a population survey and identification of the important factors in defining Spastic hip subluxation.

2. The Methods are excellent and clearly defined

3. The data is well controlled.

4. I felt the manuscript adheres to good standards

5. The discussion is well balanced and fair. The only missing data is there is no mention of the procedures used for the >40% hips

6. Abstract are a good representation of the data

7. The writing is clear.

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

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore) I would recommend the addition of the list of procedures used in the >40% group since they say there were no dislocated hips most of the greater then 40% group likely had surgery of some type and it would be interesting to know what the procedures were. I would consider this a Discretionary Revision.

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

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'