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Page three Spelling “intratekal baklofen pump” should be “intrathecal baclofen pump” This is also needs correction in the caption of table 4

This paper addresses an area that many physicians with long experience treating CP have discussed, however no one has previously developed to data to prove the common experience. I would like to congratulate the authors on an excellent presentation with good statistical analysis. They have discussed the issues related to reliability of the Ashworth scale and I feel the analysis technique addresses these concerns.

This paper will make an excellent contribution to the knowledge base of the natural history of spasticity development in children with CP.

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest 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'