Reviewer’s report

Title: Atlanto-axial rotatory dislocation in a girl with Spondylocarpotarsal synostosis syndrome

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Reviewer: Theodoros B. Grivas

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General

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

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

Some more editing for the citations is still needed.
(see … are more prevalent in the Marfan- population compared to age matched controls [Hertzka et al., 2000]. Some …

The mother had 3 pregnancies with no history of spontaneous abortions (gravida 3 abortus 0), (terms, which are used to signify the maternal obstetrical history, which is of significance in genetically programmed disorders)
(This must be incorporated in the text).

head circumference, that is occipital-frontal circumference, (OFC).
(This must be incorporated in the text).

Is there any progression of scoliosis on this case? (there is no comment on this question)
Scoliosis in children with unilateral unsegmented bars is malignantly progressive early in life and steadily during growth (poor prognosis).
(This must be incorporated in the text).

Is there any clinical and radiological follow up?
The authors did not answer this question in their revised text.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable