Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Toru Maruyama

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

1. Case presentation A)
The craniofacial features were ---- ligamentous laxity, long thin limbs, short trunk, pes planus and cervicothoracic scoliosis. The subject and the predicates are not coincident grammatically.
2. Case presentation B)
The Wacheheim line ----- or is not tangential??
3. References
All references must be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are cited in the text, not the alphabetical order of the name of the authors.
4. Fig.5
The right lateral mass of the atlas (indicated as C1) lies anterior to the anterior surface of the C2. Is this correct?
5. Fig.6
Again, or is not tangential??
I wonder if integrity between the occipital bone and the atlas was lost. Do you have any comment on this?
6. Fig.7
Also, I wonder if integrity between the occipital bone and the atlas was lost. The left side of the occipital bone (seeing from anterior) seems to subluxate anteriorly. Do you have any comment on this?

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published