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Title: Guidelines disobeyed - A severe complication following spinal mobilisation in a patient with Forestier's disease: a case report

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Dear Editors,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript entitled „Guidelines disobeyed - A severe complication following spinal mobilisation in a patient with Forestier’s disease: a case report“, which we submit for your kind consideration for publication as a case report in the Journal of Medical Case Reports.

As requested by the editorial board, the Discussion section now contains a more detailed literature review.

We think that this case is predestined to remind practitioners worldwide of the potential risks related to spinal manipulation and mobilization especially in the cervical spine. It demonstrates impressively how this adverse event could have been easily avoided, if the guidelines concerning cervical spine mobilisation and manipulation practices had been obeyed.

Each author (Maximilian J. Hartel, Ulrich Seidel, Lukas Iselin, Aristomenis K. Exadaktylos and Lorin M Benneker) actively participated in the preparation of this manuscript. Furthermore, the authors confirm that the case presentation is not under consideration by another journal. The content of the manuscript has not been previously published. Thank you for reviewing this case report.

The Patient has signed a standardized informed consent that is officially approved by the ethics commission of the canton of Berne.

Sincerely yours

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