Reviewer's report

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

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

Does the case report have explanatory value?: No

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: No

Comments to authors:

In this case report authors present a case with preexisting Forestier's disease who develops neurological complication related to spinal subluxation following neck manipulation. Authors point out that if the physiotherapist had taken adequate history then this complication could have been avoided.

Neurological complications following neck manipulation are well described in the literature. This case report is not unique. There are already existing guidelines in place for neck manipulation by physiotherapist. The paper doesn't add anything more to the existing guidelines.

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

I declare that I have no competing interests