Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Guidelines disobeyed - A severe complication associated with manual therapy of the cervical spine in a patient with Forestier’s disease: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Thomas H Wuerz

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The revision of the manuscript resulted in a significant improvement.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

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