Reviewer's report

Title: Listening to the patient as a possible route to cost-effective rehabilitation: a case report

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Reviewer: Ya Ching Hung

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?: No

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is an important and interesting report about an adolescent with hemiplegia who wants to ride on a motorbike. The report is well written and the findings are encouraging. I wonder if the author observed the patient when he is on his motorbike with and without taping or the orthosis. Since the major goal for him is to ride on his motorbike, it will be interesting to see what changed with taping or orthosis.

In discussion, the author indicated that the parents refused to have surgery or injection for the patient. It feels like the author suggested that surgery or injection will cause a better outcome. Is there any study to support the author's point? I think surgery and injection are irrelevant to the current report since the patient did not have them.
Did the author ever consider other type of orthosis? Please also explain the reason of choosing the current type of orthosis.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests