Reviewer’s report

Title: Multiple neck operations in a patient with severe motor tics due to Tourette’s syndrome: 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?: 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 paper is informative in the point of giving their view on the adequate surgical treatment for cervical myelopathy secondary to involuntary neck movement. The authors report that combined posterior fusion and anterior decompression and interbody fusion including C6-C7 level provided successful spinal fusion and relief of neurologic problems for 10 years after the surgery. However, some long-term follow-up studies reported late neurologic deterioration due to developed instability at the adjacent segments to the fusion levels. There is still a need for a continuous follow-up.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.