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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**Reviewer:** Yasuaki Tokuhashi

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: Yes

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?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This paper is a case report of a patient with Tourette’s syndrome, whose remarkable tic generates cervical myelopathy, and led to multiple operations. Though this is a 10 years follow-up case, there was no originally useful information in his therapeutic history.

Do you perform similar operations now if you come across a similar case?

Why did not you use a rigid internal fixation together in the first time?

Why did not you consider a rigid internal fixation to the second or the third operation?

Why did not you use botulinum toxin in combination?

Please voice your opinion it about having repeated necessary failures.
Please describe needs of Halo vest.

Quality of written English: Acceptable