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Title: Delayed surgical treatment for a traumatic bilateral cervical facet joint dislocation using a posterior-anterior approach. A case report.

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Response to question form reviewer

The paper has improved significantly. Just two minor comments. First, I think it should be stated clearly that in case even of a slight cervical spondylolisthesis (Fig. 1a) plain X-rays are not sufficient for a proper diagnosis. In general, such a finding requires further diagnostic efforts including a CT scan.

The discussion is fairly long and somewhat exhausting. It might worthwhile to discuss the own treatment options and decisions in the light of the recent literature.

We thank and agree with the reviewers for the suggestions they made to improve our manuscript.

First of all, the patients underwent an X-ray image examination of his cervical spine and a slight cervical spondylolisthesis was diagnosed (Fig. 1a). CT and MRI were not performed. Therefore, we enhanced in Discussion section that “in case even of a slight cervical spondylolisthesis, plain X-rays are not sufficient for a proper diagnosis. In general, such a finding requires further diagnostic efforts including a CT scan.”

Finally, we shortened discussion as the reviewer suggested.