Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Bernhard Schmidt-Rohlfing

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Comments to authors:

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.
Quality of written English: Acceptable