Reviewer’s report

Title: Giant schwannoma with extensive scalloping of the lumbar vertebral body treated with one-stage posterior surgery: a case report

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Reviewer: Akihito Minamide

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

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?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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:

You should clarify new points of the current report compared with previous reports. What is the advantage of your surgical procedure? Why could you do total resection of tumor? As for the type of tumor, was anything characteristic? Did you have a neuro-monitoring during the tumor resection? You should also describe some advantages of this spinal reconstruction compared with previous reports. It will be a more splendid article by pointing out the new points and advantages of your surgical procedure.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

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