Reviewer's report

Title: Traumatic spondyloptosis of the lumbar spine: A case report

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Reviewer: Hisatoshi Baba

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?: No

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?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a very interesting case which suffered an extremely severe fracture-dislocation, spondyloptosis, of the L4-L5 levels with Frankel/ASIA grade A paralysis following a hit from behind. X-rays showed extremely severe dislocation of L4 on L5 and it is presumed that his surgery was so challengeable as well as difficult. Unexpectedly, his paralysis showed dramatic recovery 2 months after the surgery and this result might be conveyed to readers. On page 3 paragraph 3, more detailed description of surgeries and their techniques must be needed for the readers to do similar surgeries. The manuscript must be revised in this regard.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being
published

**Declaration of competing interests:**

COI: no problem and it is OK.