Reviewer’s report

Title: Temporomandibular Joint Ankylosis in a Child: An Unusual Case with Delayed Surgical Intervention

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Reviewer: John Zuniga

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This paper reports a case report of Unilateral condylar ankylosis of the mandible in a 7 year old managed by arthroplasty with interpositional temporalis muscle flap.

The case was well documented and illustrated and the information provided in the discussion relevant to current diagnosis and treatment for this condition. However, the intraoperative opening after surgical release was 25mm which indicates that myocontracture or shortening of the temporalis muscle was present limiting opening under general anesthesia (normal for female = 44mm +/- 7mm). Unilateral or bilateral coronoidectomies are indicated with this surgical finding.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests and no conflicts of interest