Reviewer's report

Title: Neglected Congenital Muscular Torticollis, Is surgery helpful?

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Many literature reviews provide treatment for congenital muscular torticollis in children, while those for the adult are few. This paper mainly discusses the surgical management for neglected congenital muscular torticollis in adult, and has special contribution to the medical research. I would like to recommend this essay.

Based on our past experience, the adult surgery indeed improves function. No matter of age, the patient's neck range of motion is increased with head title improved. However, for the cosmesis part, the mature body and the lee's scoring system, prognosis is less likely to reveal the necessity of surgery. Simply evaluated by neck ROM or head title seems to be better than the Lee’s scoring system.

It is a pity that some important points are not mentioned in discussion, such as the analysis for the cause of a better or worse surgery. Besides it does not tell the reader under what circumstance is the surgery is effective or under what circumstance the surgery is limited improved and unnecessary.

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

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'