

1. Abbreviations has be explained when listed first time in the text.'

2. Why did she need bedrest?

CT showed bone destruction in the pedicle of C2 with absence of the posterior wall, causing the cervical instability. Once the old woman falls down, injury of cervical spinal cord may occur.

3. How do you explain the numbness of the upper limbs

I'm sorry that I just want to showed that no no garrulous blade or disc compressed spinal cord in C2. And cervical disc herniation can be seen in C4-6 in other MRI images which didn't put in the text. That's why the patient felt the numbness of the upper limbs. Actually, the patient returned to our outpatient for her numbness of right hand recently.

4. Indication for surgery instead of radiotherapy in this case is unclear to me

A definitive surgical excision alone was considered for the reason of small size of tumor with clear margin. Besides, no lymph node metastasis was found in MRI. Meanwhile, patient's own decision is necessary for the choice of treatment plan

5. Please give detailed information and also include neoplastic scores like SINS etc.

The spinal instability neoplastic score(SINS) is 8. It has been added in the text.