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### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a meticulously written paper, taking into account the safety of tumour resection with a posterior surgical approach technique, as well as a thorough patient follow up with multiple outcome measures and for a significant amount of time post-operatively. The 2 pictures are describing a significant improvement in sagittal Cervical spine posture post fusion surgery. This does not seem to be the case in general though, as in the abstract (and within text) it is stated that: “there was no statistically significant difference between the preoperative and last follow-up C1-2 Cobb angle and C2-7 Cobb angle ( $P>0.05$ ).” Under this prism, the legends of Figures 1 and 2 need to be revised accordingly. Lines 151, 152: Replace ‘occipit’ with occiput Lines 189-191: Please revise the statement: “To the best of our knowledge, this is the first study that focused on the one-stage posterior approach surgical treatment of IDEM tumors in this region”, as other similar studies exist, for instance: 1. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21178841/> 2. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21495815/>