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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The article describes a case of a 70-year-old man was diagnosed with symptomatic cervical facet cyst at the left C7/T1 facet joint. Fluoroscopy-guided cervical interlaminar epidural block at the C7/T1 level with 20 mg triamcinolone and 5 mL of 0.5% lidocaine was administered. The patient's symptoms improved immediately after the block, with an NRS score of 3 points. After 3 months, his left posterior neck pain and tingling along the left C8 dermatome were relieved. There is no question about it.

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The authors reported an interesting case of minimally invasive management of a cervical facet cyst in an elderly patient. The paper is well-written and informative. The patient was followed-up appropriately and the outcomes are reported objectively. I believe that this manuscript is publishable, but requires some minor revisions. I only have three comments: 1) Please add a brief explanation about the mechanism of action of the epidural injection of triamcinolone and lidocaine. 2) Please either state that the laboratory examinations were all normal, report the significant findings briefly, or simply erase the heading. I would not recommend leaving an empty section just because you have nothing important to report. 3) In the second line of the treatment paragraph, please correct the word "wary" to "worried".