

ESPS Peer-review Report

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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

the article is well written but it is so scholastic and in the contents some important features are missing: 1: the techniques described are very well known in terms of saafety and efficacy (C1 lateral mass and C2 pedicle fixation, posterior transarticular screw fixation, lateral mass fixation for subaxial spine), so in the light of this there are no innovations in this field 2: regarding the techniques, the authors missed the anterior transarticular scwew fixation, the anterior odontoid screw fixation, the modified technique for C1 lateral mass fixation (insertion point on the posterior arch and not on the lateral mass), the atlanto-axial joint jamming described by Goel and much more. 3: in the case illustrated, the authors must describe the technique used to remove the anterior odontoid process, because since few years ago the surgical technique requires the transoral approach, but nowadays the removal of odontoid process could be performed by endoscopic technique. 4: a description of screw placement for hangman fractures in pediatric patient must be added; a critic review regarding the use of anterior or posterior approach, the use of isthmic screws in these cases or anterio C2-C3 fixation. in the light of this the review must be extensively re-edited, but should be less scholastic and more critic.

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The authors provided an interesting review regarding Modern Screw Fixation in the Pediatric Cervical Spine. The authors thoroughly reviewed both the anatomical and clinical descriptions related to screw placement in the pediatric cervical spine. The only thing I'd like to request is an additional description of their experiences of pedicle screw fixation in the subaxial cervical spine.

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