

Dear Prof. Ma,

Thank you for the comprehensive review of our manuscript entitled: “Surgical resection of intradural extramedullary tumors in the atlantoaxial spine via a posterior approach” (*Name of Journal: World Journal of Clinical Cases; Manuscript NO: 64392*). According to the comments from reviewers, we made some revisions in corresponding aspects of the study, which were highlighted with light gray in revised manuscript.

Reviewer #1

**Question 1 (Q1):** *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/>*

**Response 1 (R1):** We really appreciate your encouragement. In the legends of Figures 1 and 2, the sentences “the cervical sagittal alignment shows an improved cervical lordosis.” were deleted. In the Results section, the words of “occipit” were replaced with “occiput”. In the Discussion section, the sentence of “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” was deleted.

We sincerely hope the revisions made to the manuscript at the request of our esteemed reviewers would make it a viable candidate for publication. And we once again express our sincerest appreciation for the time and effort the editors and anonymous reviewers spent on this paper.

Sincerely yours,

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