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Redefining congenital atlanto-axial dislocation: pre and post operative objective assessment in each plane

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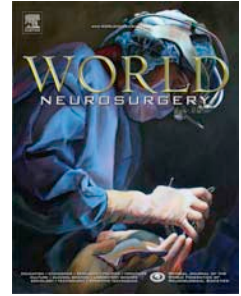
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1	Dear Authors, It is everyday one "enjoys" reading a spine paper. This manuscript gives results that is important and should be used for all neurosurgeons when examining the radiological images of a patient with suspected congenital atlanto-axial dislocation.	Thank you for the encouraging comments.	
	What I am looking for and is important with the large series is that one looks into statistical analysis and power of significance with at least two blinded raters to avoid bias and to reduce inter-observer variability.	Detail statistical analysis with significance has been added. The data was interpreted separately by the radiologist and the surgeon to avoid bias. The statistics were analysed by the statistician, surgeon and the radiologist.	Entire result section has been replaced with results and statistical analysis. The power of study and level of significance has been added.
2	Nice and well written work, with a big casuistry.	Thank you for the encouraging comments.	
	Consider the possibility of revising Literature, too auto-referential.	Four more new references have been added. Most of the indices described in the past are related to antero-posterior and vertical (BI) and rotational C1-2 dislocation. The indices we have described are related to dislocation in all possible planes and objectively assessed and corrected.	<u>J Bone Joint Surg Am.</u> 1977 Jan;59(1):37-44 <u>AJR Am J Roentgenol.</u> 1987 Sep;149(3):595-600 <u>Acta Neurochir (Wien).</u> 2010 Apr;152(4):709-12 <u>Spine (Phila Pa 1976).</u> 2015 Feb 1;40(3):E186-9.
	Even if some cases are rare, the quality of the images provided should be improved	Quality of few images have been improved using software.	All images modified
	Alternatively to World Neurosurgery you could consider a radiological journal.	-	

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