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**Title:** Advances in the Treatment of Cervical Rheumatoid: Less surgery and Less Morbidity

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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input checked="" 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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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision

## COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors I have had the opportunity to review your article on "Advances in the Treatment of Cervical Rheumatoid: Less surgery and Less Morbidity". This review article is nicely presented, and gives a great information to Orthopaedic surgeon. I believe this is worth to accept for World Journal of Orthopaedics, however, I have some comment. 1. The authors described plain radiographic findings in "Radiographic evaluation and criteria for instability". Some authors advocated cut off point in space available for spinal cord (=PADI) for cervical myelopathy in lateral radiograph (Ex. Greenberg AD. Brain 1968; 91: 655-84. Kawaida H, et al. Spine 1989; 14: 1144-8. Boden SD, et al. J Bone Joint Surg Am. 1993; 75: 1282-97. Oda T, et al. Spine 2009; 34: 1395-8). This information is useful for investigator. The authors should refer it. 2. The authors described MRI findings in "Radiographic evaluation and criteria for instability". Recently, It was noted that preoperative intramedullary high signal intensity in RA-AAS patients affected the preoperative neurological severity (Iizuka H. et al. The relationship between an intramedullary high signal intensity and the clinical outcome in atlanto-axial subluxation owing to rheumatoid arthritis. Spine J 2013 (in press)). The authors should refer it. 3. The authors described C1 lateral mass and C2 pedicle screw techniques in "FUSION AND DECOMPRESSION TECHNIQUES". This technique was firstly described by Dr Goel (Goel A. et al. Plate and screw fixation for atlanto-axial subluxation. Act Neurochir (Wien) 1994; 129: 47-53). The authors should refer it.



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I recommend to revise this review article. Please find the details of my recommendations in comments which I sent.