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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Neurophysiotherapy Following Cerebellopontine Angle Tumour Excision: A Case Report.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is .....
✓ Accept after minor revision.....
Accept after major revision .....
Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strength of the study:

• Addresses an important rehabilitation need following cerebellopontine angle tumour surgery.
• Describes a 12-week physiotherapy programme.
• Combines strengthening, coordination, balance and gait training.
• Includes Frenkel exercises and dual-task training.
• Uses SARA, Berg Balance Scale and Barthel Index for assessment.
• Reports improvement in balance, coordination and functional independence.
• Provides a structured intervention table for clinical reference.

Weakness of the study:

• The patient's tumour type and histopathological diagnosis are not reported.
• MRI findings describe a left-sided lesion, while neurological deficits are reported on the right; this needs clarification.
• Surgical details and postoperative complications are insufficiently described.
• The physiotherapy protocol lacks detailed exercise dosage and progression.
• No statistical or objective assessment of individual treatment effects is provided.
• Follow-up beyond 12 weeks is unavailable.
• Ethical approval and written consent for publication are not clearly documented.
• Grammar, terminology and reference formatting need substantial correction.

Reviewers Comments:

The manuscript describes a 12-week physiotherapy programme following cerebellopontine angle tumour excision. The use of SARA, Berg Balance Scale, Barthel Index and House-Brackmann grading provides useful outcome measurements. The reported improvement from 26 to 9 on SARA and from 15 to 45 on the Berg Balance Scale is encouraging. However, important clinical details are missing. The MRI describes a left-sided lesion, whereas the reported neurological deficits are on the right. The authors should clarify this discrepancy and provide the tumour histopathology and surgical details. Exercise frequency, intensity, progression and patient adherence also need better documentation. The findings are based on a single case and cannot establish treatment effectiveness. Written informed consent for publication and the applicable ethics approval or exemption should be stated. The manuscript has considerable grammatical, terminology and formatting problems. Overall, the case has clinical relevance, but substantial clarification and revision are required.

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A closely related case report, "Physiotherapy Rehabilitation Following Acoustic Neuroma Resection in a Patient With Cerebellopontine Angle Tumour," was published in Cureus in February 2024 by Bagga and Samal. It is also cited as reference 1 in this manuscript. The authors must clarify whether the present case is entirely separate and explain its original contribution. A formal similarity check is essential before publication.