

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Response to ‘History of cervical spine surgery:
from nihilism to advanced reconstructive surgery’**

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We are very grateful to Dr Silver¹ for providing additional information and perspectives to our manuscript² on the history of cervical spine surgery. Indeed, attempting to summarize over 2 millennia of development within the context of a few pages requires making choices and is almost a guarantee for the so called ‘errors of omission’. The comments given by Dr Silver provide additional insight and we thank him for also correcting minor inaccuracies.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The author declares no conflict of interest.

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