

## REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Partial Congenital Arhinia: 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		✓		

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Date: 24/05/2025

**Reviewer's Comment for Publication:**

The paper effectively highlights the rarity and severity of congenital partial arhinia, emphasizing the critical need for early detection through prenatal screening, especially in resource-limited settings. It underscores that multidisciplinary management is essential to improve neonatal outcomes. Despite its limitations as a single case report, it adds meaningful knowledge and advocates for better prenatal care and future research into the etiology and management of this rare anomaly.

***Reviewer's Comment / Report*****Strengths:**

- Rare Case Documentation:** The paper contributes valuable insights into an extremely rare condition, partial congenital arhinia, adding to the limited literature on this topic.
- Comprehensive Clinical Description:** It provides detailed clinical, radiological, and surgical findings, including prenatal ultrasound and postnatal examination, which are critical for understanding the presentation.
- Highlighting Diagnostic Challenges:** The authors emphasize the importance of early prenatal diagnosis using ultrasound and fetal MRI, which is crucial for timely management.
- Call for Multidisciplinary Approach:** The paper advocates for a team-based strategy involving obstetricians, radiologists, neonatologists, and surgeons, essential for managing such complex anomalies.
- Contextual Relevance:** It discusses the case in a resource-limited setting, underscoring challenges faced in developing countries and the need for improved prenatal care.

**Weaknesses:**

- Limited Sample Size:** As a single case report, the findings cannot be generalized, and conclusions about prognosis and management strategies remain limited.
- Lack of Genetic Testing:** The paper mentions genetic factors like SMCHD1 mutations but notes that such testing was unavailable for this case, limiting insights into potential genetic causes.
- Short Follow-Up:** The patient's outcome was unfavorable, with early neonatal death; long-term outcome data or insights into potential interventions are lacking.
- Absence of Therapeutic Strategies:** The report does not explore surgical or medical management options for partial arhinia, which could be valuable for future cases.
- Limited Literature Review:** While it discusses associated anomalies and embryology, the literature review could be more extensive to provide deeper context on management and prognosis.