

The [Cosman-Roberts-Wells stereotactic](#) instrument is a recently developed modification, based on an arc-radius design, of the [Brown-Roberts-Wells stereotactic frame](#) utilizing the existing fixation and fiducial components of the Brown-Roberts-Wells [stereotactic](#) system to localize and verify [target](#) data. The design modification has been made with a view to facilitating technical approaches both in [stereotactic biopsy](#) and in stereotactic [craniotomy](#), whilst encompassing the same stereotactic space. Initial experience with the Cosman-Roberts-Wells instrument is reported. Over a 5-month period 55 procedures were performed which included 40 stereotactic biopsies, five CT-guided stereotactic craniotomies, three stereotactic placements of a Bennett Ball for [thalamotomy](#), three stereotactic implantations of intracranial [electrodes](#) for recording in [drug resistant epilepsy](#), three aspirations of [cyst](#) or haematoma and one implantation of a Gutin catheter for interstitial brachytherapy. There was minimal morbidity and no mortality related to operation. This frame offers rapid targeting without the need to pre-determine entry points, as well as allowing direct lateral passes and unimpeded stereotactic craniotomy ¹⁾.

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