Reviewer's report

Title: Cronkhite-Canada syndrome associated with rib fracture: a case report.

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Reviewer: Atsushi Irisawa

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CCS is interesting disease that has various kind of concomitant disease. I read fascinatingly your manuscript, but it was totally lack of essential data that suggest direct association between CCS and rib fracture. Both lesions seemed to just incidentally happen at same time.

I wrote each item below that you should add before your manuscript will be reconsidered to be accepted.

1. You should add laboratory data on admission and changes after treatment.
2. I would like to know in detail about the etiology of rib fracture. First, did you check bone metastasis, especially osteolytic bone metastases that are not sensitive for bone scan? Negative data of bone scan did not guaranty absence of bone metastases.
   Second, you should add hormonal examination. As you know, there are many hormone and substances associated with bone metabolism.
   Third, how about bone densitometry on vertebrae luminales or caput femoris?
3. Last, why you did not consider surgical treatment? In this case, you used corticosteroid that will have harm effect for bone healing. In some patients of CCS, steroid is used for life long. Then, you should consult to orthopedic surgeon the bone management.
4. 3. Did he have any medical history of congenital disease, for example Osteogenesis imperfecta? His general appearance will be helpful for speculation.