Reviewer's report

Title: Fluorine-18 fluoro-2-deoxy-D-glucose positron emission tomography/computed tomography scan contributes to the diagnosis and management of brucellar spondylodiskitis.

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Reviewer: Michael Heggeness

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Revisions: I have no request for revisions of any kind, Major, Minor, or Consessionary. I would support publication "as is".

1) the question (topic) is well and clearly defined. This is a report on a series of patients with an unusual infection of the spine. The manuscript very clearly and efficiently describes the clinical course of the disease, as well as providing valuable insights into imaging the infection.

2) the methods are appropriate and well described

3) the data appear to be very sound

4) the manuscript conforme well to reporting standards.

5) The discussion and conclusions are clear and evenhanded.

6) the limitations of the series are appropriately mentioned, within the understandin that this is a rare condition and a large series from any one institution will be impossible.

7) The referenced work is appropriate and suitably broad.

8) The title and abstract are clear and accurate.

The scientific writing is excellent, clear and efficient.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflicts of interest related to the content of this manuscript.