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Conclusion
This is a very valuable report clinically, because the diagnosis of CRPS is often a challenge. The so-called Budapest criteria are sometimes not sufficiently helpful, for example, because they ignore the radiologic techniques entirely. For decades the distal generalization of all symptoms has been a relevant clinical characteristic. However, there are some patients with only a few affected fingers. Therefore, the presented report is very important for the current discussion about the relevance of Scintigraphy and till now there are no comparable preliminary studies. The argumentation of the authors is persuasive.

Minor revision
However, the article could clearly (20%) be shortened because too many explanations (e.g. sensitivity and specificity) which could be deleted.

We agree with you, the discussion was modified and shortened from 1700 words to 1240 words We suppressed lines 294-301, lines 308-321, lines 322-328, lines 334-338 of the old manuscript (37 lines)

We modified the TBPS section and shortened standard radiography and MRI section. We modified the last part of discussion (lines 295-331) integrating the commentaries of the first reviewer.

7 references were added to the bibliography section