Reviewer's report

**Title:** Partial complex regional pain syndrome type 1 of the hand: retrospective study of 16 cases and literature review.

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**Reviewer:** Christoph Maier

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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.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests