Reviewer’s report

Title: Whole body MR Imaging in Ankylosing spondylitis: A Descriptive Pilot Study in Patients with Suspected Early and Active Confirmed Ankylosing Spondylitis

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Reviewer: Roger Sturrock

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General
This is a useful description of a MRI technique for detecting spinal and extra-spinal lesions in IBP ans AS. The authors need to explain the nature of Domain 2 in the BASDAI score.

There is a large number of images and the authors should select representative ones to illustrate their discussion.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
Reduce number of images.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
"I declare that I have no competing interests".