Reviewer's report

Title: Acquired heterotopic ossification in hips and knees following encephalitis: case report and literature review

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Minor Essential Revisions
The authors of this study present a case with HO in the bilateral hips and bilateral knees that prevented him from walking following after being attacked by encephalitis.

After surgical excision, reconstruction of the medial collateral ligament and pharmacotherapy of Celecoxib, the patient regained mobility of the knees.

There was no recurrence of HO and no loose of rivets which were used in the reconstruction of medial collateral ligament in the follow up. Conclusion: HO in the bilateral hip joints and bilateral knee joints associated with encephalitis have never been reported previously. Although there are grammatical issues with the manuscript and some other context that needs to be better presented, this is an interesting topic that deserves publication.

1. This needs improvement in English grammar and sentence use.
2. Please add figure to the postoperative range of both knees.
3. This statement needs some discussion e.g. its clinical significance.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

NO