Reviewer's report

Title: Bilateral ossification of the auricles: an unusual entity and review of the literature

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Review

Mastronikolis and co-workers present a case report regarding the bilateral ossification of the auricles. This is of interest in the field of ectopic and pathological calcification or ossification of human tissues.

The abstract is well structured but the treatment options in this specific case should be mentioned in one sentence.

The introduction gives a good overview to the topic and leads to the specific problem.

The description of the case is comprehensive, well structured, focused on the main issues and adequate illustrated. Relevant informations about the treatment in this specific case are missing and should be added.

The difference between calcification and ossification is brought out well in the discussion and the etiology of the ectopic ossification is discussed using adequate and relevant literature.

The conclusions are concise and refer to the clinical problem. It is a well written paper, but the format of the front page is not in accordance with the journals guidelines:

- titles of authors should not be mentioned
- authors initials and E-mail addresses are missing
- no running title
- key words should be placed behind abstract

Level of interest: An article of importance 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:

I declare that I have no competing interests.