Reviewer’s report

Title: Undiagnosed osteoid osteoma of the spine presenting as painful scoliosis from adolescence to adulthood. A case report.

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Reviewer: Thomas Patsiaouras

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Dear Chief Editor

I reviewed the manuscript "Undiagnosed Osteoid Osteoma of the Spine as painful Scoliosis from Adolescence to Adulthood. A case Report" and I found it very interesting. This can be used for educational purposes as a necessary reminder of an important clinical lesson and as a therapeutic challenge. According to the guidelines given by Scoliosis Research Society it is accompanied by a written and signed consent as it is verified by the Authors.

The manuscript is accompanied by the essentials photographs of the original x-rays, CT-Scan, Bone Scan and the postoperative x-rays with the final operative treatment. The last picture No 4 presents a distortion and needs to be corrected before the final publication and probably this can be done electronically, otherwise the authors have to send another one uncompressed and without distortion.

The manuscript can be accepted after discretionary revisions (picture No 4 must be corrected). I found the report very interesting as an article of importance in its field.

Regarding the quality of language it is in good and acceptable level.

I declare that I have no competing interests below

Sincerely yours

Thomas Patsiaouras
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'