Reviewer's report

Title: Whole Body Bone Scintigram Appearance in Osseous Hydatosis; a case report and Review of the Literature

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Reviewer: Michael Rosenblum

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General: This is an interesting case presentation of an unusual disease process. The radiographs and bone scan are illustrative of the severity of this disease. The case presentation needs to be fine tuned (standardized) for content and flow. The use of charts/maps/tables for worldwide prevalence and areas of physical involvement can clarify these aspects of the document for the reader. Hydatid bone disease should be considered as an important component in the differential for abnormal bone scans in patients who are from endemic areas.

Revisions necessary for publication

1. Requires extensive editing for language and redundancy.
2. Requires a more detailed description of epidemiology to give valence to the reader who has not seen/will not see this disease.
3. Discussion of future therapeutics and diagnosis (i.e. attempts at immunologic treatment) should be included.
What next?: Revise and resubmit

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited