Reviewer's report

Title: Federico di Montefeltro's hyperkyphosis: a visual-historical case report

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Reviewer: Michael Gallucci

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?: Yes

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:

Observational skills are critical to effective clinical practice. The concept of using portraits to facilitate the development of differential diagnosis skills appears at face value to be a useful means of enhancing such skills. Additionally, the utilization of visual arts to teach observation skills is creative and thought provoking.

None

What next?: Accept

Quality of written English: Acceptable