Reviewer's report

Title: Isolated loss of inferior pubic ramus: a case report

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If other, please specify:

The author reports an unusual case of isolated loss of the inferior pubic rami and hypoplasia of the superior pubic rami. There were no associated congenital anomalies. The patient had presented with some minor knee symptoms and the associated abnormality was presumably picked up during routine investigations.

It is somewhat confusing as to what the author actually thinks is the cause for this abnormality. Is it a true congenital abnormality as inferred or secondary to an eroding traumatic haematoma or vascular insult suggested as a possible cause by the author in the summary. If it is a true congenital abnormality why are there no associated clinical manifestations. The author poses this question at the end of the article but does not provide an answer. The answer is that we don’t really know what has caused this abnormality.

Perhaps the author could expand a little as to what the knee problem was that made the patient consult an orthopaedic surgeon

There are some minor grammatical errors which need correcting and some grammatical “turns of phrases” which could be improved so as it would make the article read better. For example

“A fit and otherwise healthy 35 year old female presented” rather than “a young adult female, 35 years old with normal daily activity”

A bit more information on the embryological development of the pubis may enhance the article and make it more interesting to readers.

I would recommend the article being acceptable for publication subject to the above minor amendments.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions