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REVIEWER´S COMMENTS TO THE AUTHOR(S)

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Dear Editor,
Dear Referees,

thank you very much for considering my above referenced manuscript for publication in the “Journal of Medical Case Reports” as well as for your valuable comments and suggestions with regard to further improvement of the manuscript. I was happy to note that it contains some interesting informational value to the readers of the “Journal of Medical Case Reports”. In the following, please find my detailed comments to each of the reviewer´s points of criticism, point by point. The corresponding changes and modifications within the manuscript are highlighted in bold.

Reviewer #1: Arie B van Vugt
Comments to authors: No comments

The author is happy to note that this reviewer considers the above referenced manuscript worthwhile reporting and is also happy to note that this reviewer has no further comments with respect to the content and style of the submitted manuscript.

Reviewer #2: Mahmut Nedim N Aytekin

The author is happy to note that this reviewer considers the above referenced manuscript an interesting case that is worthwhile reporting.
In his review this reviewer suggests some minor revisions to the manuscript in order to improve its quality. In the following the issues raised by this reviewer are considered point-by-point by the author and the corresponding changes and modifications are highlighted in bold in the revised version of the manuscript.

1. Case presentation part is not so detailed. For example: History of “no trauma” should be emphasized.

The author thanks this reviewer for his comment and agrees with his suggestion to emphasize the absence of trauma in this particular case. The corresponding section (“Case Presentation”) within the manuscript has been revised and reads now as follows:

Case presentation

[...] Upon questioning he reported to suffer from this discomfort since his youth with the condition now worsening. Any history of trauma was consistently denied. Clinical examination revealed tenderness over his right hip together with functional deficits in [...]  

2. On the seventh line of the Discussion part “63-old” should change as “63-year-old”.

The author thanks this reviewer for his comment and suggestion and the corresponding change has been added to the revised version of the manuscript.

3. Last sentence of the first paragraph of the discussion part should be reviewed for English grammar.

The author thanks this reviewer for his comment and suggestion. The corresponding phrase has been re-edited and now reads as follows:

[...] Although pelvic digits occur mostly unilateral, bilateral occurrences have been reported [6].

4. 4th paragraph of the Discussion: Fong´s Disease could be explained in one sentence or could be deleted.

The author thanks this reviewer for his comment and suggestion. The author has added the requested information to the “Discussion”-section of the revised manuscript where it now reads as follows:

[...] Differential diagnosis of a pelvic digit comprises myositis ossificans, avulsion, heterotopic bone formation, Fong’s disease, and osteochondroma. Fong’s disease (onychoosteodysplasia) is a hereditary condition with dysplastic or absent nails and absent or hypoplastic kneecaps (nail-patella syndrome). Other characteristic features include iliac horns and abnormality of the elbows interfering with full range of motion. In some cases, new bone [...]  

Lastly, the author has revised the entire manuscript with respect to grammar and style as requested by this reviewer and corresponding minor changes have been
added throughout the manuscript.

The author hopes to have met and satisfactory responded to each of the two reviewers’ points of criticism. The author now asks the Editorial Board to reconsider his manuscript for publication in the “Journal of Medical Case Reports”.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Marc Maegele, M.D.