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Title: Management of subtrochanteric femur fractures with internal fixation and rhBMP-7 in a patient with osteoporosis: a case report

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Dear Editor,

Please see below the modifications requested and the changes made to our manuscript entitled: Management of subtrochanteric femur fractures with internal fixation and rhBMP-7 in a patient with osteopetrosis: a case report (MS ID: 4252542133169738).

Thank you,

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Written informed consent was obtained from the patient for publication of this case report and accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor-in-Chief of this journal.

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Figure legend was modified. Removed ‘figure 6’ leaving only legends for figure 1-3.

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