Reviewer's report

Title: Five year follow up of Japanese patients with Paget's disease of bone after treatment with a low dose of oral alendronate: a case series

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Comments to authors:

The findings in this paper are interesting and informative. Please answer the following questions;

Two cases with PDB were reported in this paper. According to the reference, these two cases were already reported in ref.9. And in this paper, the authors presented the 5-year-follow-up results and the effect of additional treatments after the first report.

Page4 Case
Please describe the status of case, such as body weight, body height and previous illness and so on. Furthermore, X-ray findings should be presented as figures in this manuscript.

Discussion
Is there any difference between two cases, one case is well responding to bisphosphonate and another is non-responding case. What is the affecting factor to respond to bisphosphonate?

Non-responding case (case2) showed re-treatment twice. This indicates that this protocol including dose (low dose) is not appropriate. Higher dose may be appropriate for case 2 with PDB. How do the authors explain?