Reviewer's report

Title: Solid variant of aneurysmal bone cyst of the heel; a case report

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Reviewer: Bora Gurel

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: No

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The authors present a short, concise case report of a rare variant of aneurysmal bone cyst, presenting in a somewhat atypical location. My comments are as follows:

1. It may be necessary to expand the discussion a bit further, describing in a few sentences, the major histopathological findings the authors have used to distinguish the solid variant of ABC from giant cell tumour of bone. In a similar note, in what way is the pattern of reactive bone production is different from the type of bone that one expects to see in low-grade and high-grade osteosarcoma?

2. The last word of the conclusion section, "diagnose", should be changed to "diagnosis".
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.