Author's response to reviews

Title: Improvement of pain and regional osteoporotic changes in the foot and ankle by low-dose bisphosphonate therapy for complex regional pain syndrome type I: a report of 2 cases

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Dear Editors,

Thank you for the comments of the reviewers and they have been helpful in allowing us to revise our manuscript. We have corrected the manuscript and also comment to reviewers, and added figures of CT findings as followed the reviewer’s comment.

Reviewer’s comment (Jose A Riancho)
An interesting report. However, given - - - - - - - spontaneous amelioration of the disease instead of drug effect.
Response to the comment
We have included additional paragraph in the discussion section as following (page 11, 2nd paragraph); “As a limitation of this case study, we could not discount the possibility that the observed improvement in pain and osteoporotic changes might be due to the spontaneous amelioration of the disease. However, considering the immediate improvement in pain and regional osteoporotic changes after the initiation of bisphosphonate treatment together with the observed failure of the previous treatment regimen including physiotherapy and NSAID administration for about 6 months, the improvement could be considered to result from the bisphosphonate treatment.”

Reviewer’s comment (Jose Hernandez)
The paper is illustrative of this disorder and shows the - - - - - - - - bisphosphonates. Dose this patients underwent bone MRI or CT studies? If so, radiological pictures should be - - - - - typical of this condition.
Response to the comment
Unfortunately, we did not perform. MRI in this study and only Case 2 underwent
CT. Then, the CT finding was added in Figure 5.

Reviewer’s comment (Jose Hernandez)
There are too many grammatical and spelling errors - - - - - - - so the manuscript should be edited and revised by a native English speaker.

Response to the comment
The manuscript have been edited and revised by a native English speaker.

The reviewers’ comments
“Please also address the following formatting changes as your manuscript does not fully conform to the journal style:
Please include the ethnicity of the patient in the case presentation section of the manuscript.
Please revise the consent statement to confirm that informed written consent was received for publication of the manuscript and figures. Written informed consent was obtained from the patient(s) for publication of this manuscript and accompanying images. A copy of the written consent is available for review by the Editor-in-Chief of this journal.”

Response to the comment
The manuscript have been corrected as the reviewer’s comment.

Please find enclosed the revised version of our manuscript entitled “Improvement of pain and regional osteoporotic changes in the foot and ankle by low-dose bisphosphonate therapy for complex regional pain syndrome type I: a report of 2 cases”.

We would appreciate your kind consideration of its publication in Journal of Medical Case Report.

Sincerely Yours,

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