Reviewer's report

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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Reviewer: Jose Hernandez

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Other

If other, please specify:

New forms of treatment of an unusual condition

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 paper by Abe et al., deals with an interesting issue: the diagnosis and management of complex regional pain syndrome, also called as "transient regional osteoporosis".

The paper is illustrative ot this disorder and shows the experience of the authors with the use of low-dose bisphosphonates. Does this patients underwent bone MRI or CT studies? If so, radiological pictures should be replaced by MRI
pictures showing the bone marrow edema typical of this condition.

There are too many grammatical and spelling errors (risedoronate, alendoronate instead of risedronate or alendronate...) throughout the text, so the manuscript should be edited and revised by a native English speaker.

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests