Reviewer's report

Title: Delay in diagnosis of generalized miliary tuberculosis with osseo-articular involvement; a case report

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Reviewer: Sharjeel Ahmad

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?: Yes

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 flow of the article can be improved by some minor revisions.

Page 3 - " patient's first presentation" 1st paragraph - Suggest changing to : "He also complained of pain and restriction of movement in the ipsilateral knee joint which continued for two to three months with spontaneous resolution"

3rd paragraph - Suggest changing to - "He was symptomatically managed with antipyretics and analgesics plus short courses of various antibiotic combinations."

"patient's second presentation" Page 5 - Suggest changing to " Anti TB therapy was started immediately and was continued for six months (Isoniazid, rifampicin, pyrazinamide, ethambutol combination for two months plus isoniazid, rifampicin..."
combination for the remainder) as an outpatient for the whole duration of treatment. " Please delete "The patient was not hospitalized during this period but followed up monthly at the clinic as an outpatient".

I also suggest changing to " The patient remained symptom-free on follow-up two months after completion of treatment with no subsequent flare-ups"

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests