Reviewer’s report

Title: Spontaneous Atraumatic Fracture of Body of Second Cervical Vertebra: An Unusual Manifestation of Tubercular Infection

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Reviewer: Ravindra Garg

Which of the 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1) Case report should details of neurological examination.
2) Authors should review about literature about tuberculosis of cervical region and CV junction.
3) Increased pre-vertebral soft tissue shadow indicates presence of retroparyngeal abscess. Kindly mention this.
4) Authors should discuss differential diagnosis like possibility of malignancy. There is no need to discuss possibility like fibrous dysplasia.
5) Why was treatment given only for six months. Comment on the
duration of treatment. Mention role of surgery as well.
6) Most of the conclusions are not relevant. For example there is nothing unusual in the clinical presentation. Authors should emphasize that patient needs only medical treatment.

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests.