Reviewer’s report

Title: Spontaneous tibiotalar arthrodesis: a complication of acute tibial osteomyelitis due to Panton Valentine Leukocidin producing Staphylococcus aureus

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Reviewer: Ralf-Peter Vonberg

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

paragraph "case report":
- Use generic labels if possible ("gentamicin" instead of "garamycin").
- Do you always check all S. aureus isolates for PVL positivity via PCR?

paragraph "discussion":
- What would be done different if it turned out as a PVL negative S. aureus strain?

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.