Reviewer's report

Title: A case of an intrapartum sacral stress fracture

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Reviewer: Reiner Oberbeck

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?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

Please clarify the following passage of your manuscript and choose a formulation that is less confusing.

An MRI of the spine (only spine I assume including the pelvis) was performed demonstrating alterations that were interpreted as ischemic or inflammatory (is this an error and the MRI did NOT show any ischemic or inflammatory alteration or did this MRI really showed this pathology: If yes, what was the exact localization, which structures were involved and what was the causal interpretation). After this you wrote that an MRI displayed the occult fracture. Was this second MRI or was it the same, where the initially as ischemic or inflammatory interpreted changes secondarily interpreted as an occult fracture or was this fracture detected independently of the alteration mentioned above?
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
No to all of the questions above