Reviewer's report

**Title:** The Riddle of Multinucleated "Floret-Like" Giant Cells and their Detection in an Extensive Gluteal Neurofibroma

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**Reviewer:** Feyzi Birol Sarica

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

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:

In this generally well-designed case report; the importance of "floret-like multinucleated giant cells (FMGCs)" accompanying neurofibroma lesions in NF1 patients was investigated with literature. In this article, the following minor revisions are needed. In my view, the article would be published if these revisions can be made successfully.

1. In Abstract and Case presentation sections, the levels of vertebral lesions should be clearly written and English abbreviation characters should be used. (LWK4?) (Thoracic 6 vertebrae: Th6 and Lumbar 4 vertebrae: L4).

2. In Case report section; histological images of tumor stained with H & E stain
were presented. However, why histological staining of lesions with CD34, CD68 and S-100 had not been done? It should be explained.

3. In Discussion section, effectiveness of surgical treatment in massive NF1 cases observed in this case was not discussed enough. It will be appropriate to discuss the effectiveness of surgical treatment with the literature as a paragraph.

4. Addition of radiological images showing Th6-L4 spine lesions and meningocele stated in the article would be more appropriate for readers.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.