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Title: Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome accompanied by severer skeletal abnormalities in two Chinese siblings: a case series

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Dear Editor,

I would like to submit the enclosed manuscript entitled “Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome accompanied by severer skeletal abnormalities in two Chinese siblings: a case series” for possible publication in *J Med Case Reports*.

This study reports two siblings with Hutchinson-Gilford progeria syndrome, an extremely rare but devastating disorder. The elder sibling describes in this paper shows the classic physical and radiological changes of this disease in addition to a considerable overlap with the phenotype of mandibuloacral dysplasia, while only some early physical changes manifested in the 1.5-year-old younger sibling. Interestingly, some of these phenotypes are never or rare reported before. A homozygous mutation R527C in *LMNA* was identified in the affected siblings, while both parents were heterozygous for this variant. These phenotypic findings in the patients we described here widen the clinical spectrum of HGPS symptoms, which provides further recognition of the phenotypic range of LMNA-associated diseases.

We believe that this kind of rare disease reported in this paper are relevant to the scope of your journal and will be of interest to its readership.

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