Reviewer’s report

Title: Posterior Instrumentation after a failed Balloon Kyphoplasty in the Thoracolumbar junction: a Case Report

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Reviewer: Panagiotis Givissis

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

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1. If the farmer underwent a complete blood scan, as is reported in the paper, I believe the authors should provide a little bit more information pertaining to that.

2. The origin of the oedema in the neighboring vertebrae has to be further delineated. The authors should provide more information for that. Is this oedema a strong indication of the osteoporotic fractures that were picked up in the subsequent checks?

3. I believe that the referral to Figure 6 should be changed to a referral to Figure 5 as I could not locate a figure 6.
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.