Reviewer’s report

Title: Successful treatment in a child with enthesitis-related arthritis involving the sternoclavicular joint: a case report

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This is a report of a JIA/ERA patient with sternoclavicular joint involvement treated with etanercept. I think this short report could better be presented in the format of letter-to-the-editor.

The results of the bone scintigraphy indicate a lesion in the femur. This makes CNO (chronic non-bacterial osteitis) a probable diagnosis for this case. It is difficult to tell from MRI figures but the involvement of SCJ may be actually primary involvement of proximal end of clavicula with CNO. Furthermore, etanercept could work well in CNO. This should be thoroughly discussed by the authors. Why did the authors add etanercept to the treatment? They started with a combination of NSAID-steroid-sulfasalazine. Did this combination not work for the patient? Did the authors consider intraarticular injection of corticosteroids? These points should be clearly indicated in the report. In the discussion, the emphasis should be kept on involvement of SCJ which is the original aspect of the report.

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Figure legends should be more informative and could stand alone without reference to the main text. The authors could include the disease name in the legends.

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