Reviewer’s report

Title: Intraosseous lipoma of the third lumbar spine: a case report

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Reviewer: Daniel Walsh

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a report of a very unusual cause of acute on chronic back pain and one in which surgical intervention may provide very effective relief. Many readers may not be aware of this condition and it is worthwhile reporting to alert the spinal surgical community to the diagnosis.

There are minor typographical errors on Page 7 to be addressed.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests