Reviewer's report

Title: Delayed Recognition of Paediatric Calcaneal Osteomyelitis: a case report

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Reviewer: Cen Bytyqi

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: New associations or variations in disease processes

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:

I believe that this is an original study.

Do you have any ethical concerns?:

No, I do not have any ethical concerns. The written informed consent was obtained from patient for publication of this case report and any accompanying images.

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:

I have no comments about abstract, it is well written.

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:

I think that introduction is well written, but I think that authors should be more clear about the aim of the study and to pointed out the importance of their study.

Does the article report relevant patient information?: Yes

Does the article report relevant physical examination findings?: Yes

Does the article report important dates and times in this case?: Yes

Does the article report the diagnostic assessments?: Yes

Does the article report the types of intervention?: Yes

Does the article report a summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits?: Yes

If any information is missing from the reporting, please detail it here.: No comments.
Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

The authors appropriately cite past literature with similar findings to theirs. They discussed very well their results with other’s in term of delays in diagnosis, initiation of treatment, etiology, diagnostic assessment and treatment.

Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?:

Yes, because delays in the diagnosis of the calcaneal osteomyelitis can result in disastrous complication in the pediatric patient, such as growth arrest.

Was written informed consent to publish this case obtained?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

The anonymity of the patient was protected, no names in case presentation or in images.

Additional comments to authors?:

No comments.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English:Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest.