Reviewer's report

Title: Juvenile Osteochondritis Dissecans in the Lateral Femoral Condyle Requiring Osteochondral Autograft as a Revision Procedure - A case report -

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Reviewer: Yoshinari Tanaka

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

Do you believe the case report is authentic?:
Yes, I do. The report described a case of a 6-year-old boy who underwent surgical intervention for the juvenile OCD lesions of his bilateral knees. Additionally, the patient required the revision surgery. As I understand the juvenile OCD in a 6-year-old boy rarely need surgical treatment, the results of the present case should be shared.

Do you have any ethical concerns?:
No, I don’t.

Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?:
Yes, it is.

Does the Introduction explain the relevance of the case to the medical literature?:
Yes, it does. I think the introduction to the case report is nicely presented.

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.: 
The authors should describe the present activity level of the patient.

Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?:

The discussion section is almost well balanced, but there are several flaws in the current manuscript.
The reviewer doesn’t know the long-term clinical results of OAT for young children and believes this surgery should be done by specialists.

And then, the authors should describe

(1) Possible risks of OAT for young children like the present case in the “Discussion”.

(2) Preoperative plan in more detail in the “Case Report” or “Discussion” section. The reviewer believes the surgery performed in this report was difficult because the direction and the length of the osteochondral plug should have been strictly planned and controlled not to hurt the growth plate.

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

Yes, it does as described above.

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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?:

Yes, it is.

Additional comments to authors?:

Comments were described in an attached file.

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 interests.