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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 9418-edited.doc).

Title: VANISHING BONE DISEASE (GORHAM-STOUT SYNDROME). A REVIEW OF A RARE ENTITY.

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer 1 :

It is a very nice article with interesting information on the disease. Hope it gets published. I only found some minor grammar and syntax issues that can be corrected if you find them suitable. Best Regards.

Authors' reply:

We thank the reviewer for the very positive comments. We have run another grammar and syntax test and corrected mistakes.

Reviewer 2:

First of all I congratulate the authors for writing a review article about this rare and interesting entity. It will be difficult for me to accept for publication without further revisions regarding the following aspect (1) From your title it is not clear whether your intention of Vanishing bone disease is about Gorham-Stout syndrome because it is known by so many synonyms like disappearing bone disease, phantom bone disease etc. So be specific (2) In the introduction part it would have been better if you elaborate little more about the types of osteolysis and their characteristics. (3) You have not mentioned about the epidemiology of the condition (4) In the clinical features (GD is more prone to affect cancellous bone and it can affect contiguous bone) you can include these aspects of this condition also (5) No mention about the clinical and radiological differential diagnosis of this condition (6) Also include the radiological staging of the disease (7) You have to mention something regarding the gross appearance of the specimen and also include the histopathology slide of your case if available because it will be more informative. Best regards

Authors' reply:

We thank the reviewer for the comments. We have changed the manuscript as requested.

1) We have updated the title of the manuscript, so now it is clear that the manuscript is about vanishing

bone disease (Gorham-Stout syndrome).

- 2) We have added a paragraph in introduction part, regarding the type of osteolysis and characteristics. Reference list has been updated.
- 3) We have included a paragraph with the epidemiology of the disease, with references. (1st paragraph of “clinical futures” part).
- 4) We have included these features in the clinical features section. Thank you.
- 5) At the end of “clinical features” part we have added now a paragraph with the differential diagnosis of the disease. References have been added and the reference list has been updated.
- 6) We have included the radiological stages of the disease with references (in the clinical futures section).
- 7) In this case example we don’t have a sample of the appearance of the specimen available. Histopathological features of the disease are included to the “diagnosis” section of the manuscript.

Reviewer 3

Congratulation for your work. A lot of major and minor changes must be done, including abstract, core tip and especially the references. the review is good but there are more detailed papers in the current bibliography. It could be more attractive as a case report. Kind Regards.

Authors’ reply:

We thank the reviewer for the comments. In this invited paper we have chosen to present a review of this extremely rare disease. We have tried to present a comprehensive review with a case example in order to be as informative as possible, without expanding in much details that might make the manuscript less appealing to the average reader of “World journal of Orthopedics”.

Reviewer 4

This study is potentially interesting, and this paper should be accepted.

Authors’ reply:

We thank the reviewer for the positive comment.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the World Journal of Orthopedics.

Sincerely yours,



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