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Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

there are many articles in literature regarding this issue, so I didn't find any novel thing in this case report

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The article presents a case report of fibroblastic rheumatism and a systematic review of the existing cases in the literature. It needs some spell checks and grammatical revision is mandatory. I also recommend taking into consideration the following remarks: • Rephrase this “This study aims to conduct the systematic review of FR cases and report one case of FR in our centre to better describe clinical manifestations, diagnosis and treatment, which can help the clinicians early diagnose and timely treat FR, thereby improving prognosis.”. • Rephrase this “A systematic review of all the case reports, which were published in the PubMed and Web of Science from 1980 to 2021, and of a new case in our centre was carried out. “ • “but the definite treatment strategies appear to be no significant effect” - rephrase • “Although several different treatments are used, the course of FR is usually progressive, with most patients developing varying degrees of flexion deformity as a result of sclerophagus or structural arthropathy. “what do you mean by “sclerophagus” • “This article systematically reviewed the latest literature on FR cases over the past four decades, focused on the clinical manifestations, histopathological features, imaging features, and immunohistochemical markers, and

compared the differential diagnosis and treatment of the disease.” rephrase or split the sentence • “of the patient’s his palms, upper arms, MCP joints, MTP joints, and PIP and DIP joints (Figure 1A-C).” - rephrase • I suggest presenting the case report and after that discuss other general information regarding the disease (for example “What's more serious is that this disease progresses rapidly, which quickly leads to flexion contractures on bilateral PIP, which seriously affects life and forces surgical intervention.” this phrase should not be in the case report section and moreover, it needs a citation • Rephrase “History of fever, decreasing appetite, cough, breathlessness or trauma were positive.” • I recommend describing the process of making a differential diagnosis in your presented case • Rephrase “In the process of screening the included articles, we strictly followed the eligibility criteria for inclusion and review, and the two authors independently evaluated whether they were included, and if there were differences and disputes, they will be evaluated by a third party” • Rephrase “These data indicate that the incidence of FR is different in humans of different genders.” • Rephrase “Therefore, in the diagnosis of FR, imaging examinations are only used as an auxiliary examination and a means to assess the degree of disease progression.” Could you provide if there is any, the classification of disease progression using imaging examination • I suggest presenting some information if there is any, regarding the physiopathology of the disease. • Please reformat Table 1 to make it more readable.

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This is a very important and informative review.

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The 85220 review of fibroblastic rheumatism is well done, as far as it goes. However, the sources chosen to identify cases seems inadequate. I found a number of cases with google and suggest the authors extract the additional cases identifiable on google and incorporate them into their calculations and charts. It seems unclear why individuals with "severe complications" (whatever they were) were excluded from evaluation. Am I correct in assuming that reviews were not included if they did not contain new cases and that all cases addressed in reviews were indeed reviewed by the authors? While the authors identified the presence of erosions, they were not characterized, essential for comparison with other erosive diseases. Further, the authors report partial fusion in their case (was this before or after the patient had received steroid therapy) and that is important to illustrate. On those issue, the images, especially the x-rays, are much too small for review. I am unclear what authors mean by "space stenosis," given their comment that joint space is usually not affected. Also, what do the authors mean by "skin coking"? The authors note linear positioning of nodules and other distributions in their case. This would be worth discussing as a possible Koebner phenomenon. The authors state that "many diseases can present similar fibrosis," but list only three. What are the others? If no others, then "many" should be replaced by "several." Table 1 requires addition of google-derived cases and redesigned, so the heading "No of cases" is not "vertical"