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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The incidence of union need to be clear and put in the abstract

ANSWER TO COMENT

Nonunion occurred in 80.9% of the nonunions treated. This is clarified in the abstract as requested

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting case to be described in the literature. The authors have shown progression of the case with radiographs findings. I would accept this manuscript with following changes: 1. A CT scan to confirm authors' claim of solid fusion. 2. Initial statement in the manuscript should be modified, the use of lumbar TDR is not advocated by surgeons as a substitute for fusion surgery, only in certain cases. 3. Authors should comment on patient's ROM/quality of facets at L5/S1 prior to surgery, use of brace, and administration of NSAIDs.

ANSWER TO COMENT

We are afraid that this comment is irrelevant to the article. This article presents the incidence of heterotopic ossification after the use of recombinant human Bone Morphogenetic Protein-7 (rhBMP-7) for the treatment of nonunions, while the comment refers to Lumbar spine fusion results.

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The authors report a rare case of ossification of the interosseous membrane (OIM) of the left leg in an amateur football player who had no history of severe local traumas. MRI revealed hyperintense signal on the periosteum and lateral aspect of the tibia at the level of the ossification, which was then excised. Histological examination showed lamellar bone separated by medullary cavities

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