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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I am grateful to the editor for the possibility of reviewing this manuscript. Next, the items in the check list are answered. Dysphagia is a rare presentation in patients with AS. Radiographic examination in these patients is common, and more attention should be paid to anterior osteophytes. Usually the presentation of osteophytes in AS is posterior. Difficulty swallowing solids should raise the alarm in doctors; The possibility of dysphagia caused by osteophytes located in the anterior part of the spine should be considered. The discussion indicates the need to make a differential diagnosis between AS and DISH. It could be interesting. Later, two clinical cases are exposed. One of them is also a patient with AS. Has a deep analysis been done on this? What is the relationship between AS and dysphagia? In both cases, the surgery was totally successful, with the total elimination of the symptoms. Could you provide more information on this topic? The presentation is clear and orderly. A certificate of language edition is presented. However, I consider that there are two typographical errors. In the introduction, AS is defined as "anti-inflammatory". It should be corrected. In the discussion, it is indicated "In a previous study, anterior cervical ossification formation was not inhibited in a 37-year-old elderly white man presenting with dysphagia and a 12-year history of AS". This sentence should be revised "a 37-year-old elderly white?"