LETTER TO THE EDITOR / Musculoskeletal imaging

Author’s reply to the comments ‘‘Benign notochordal cell tumour: Biopsy not required’’

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We read with great interest the pertinent comments of Dr. Vanel’s article: ‘‘Benign notochordal cell tumour: biopsy not required’’. Certainly, the MRI appearance does not really leave any room for doubt about the nature of these lesions.

For cons, fine-needle aspiration biopsy is a procedure with low morbidity, which can convince our surgical colleagues and rheumatologists of the benign nature of these notochordal tumors. They also help to eliminate the rare cases where chordomas and benign notochordal tumors are associated, entangled in the same lesion [1].

It should be noted that even if the biopsy was performed and confirmed the diagnosis, we always offer a biennial surveillance by MRI of these benign notochordal tumors, their evolutionary potential being still unknown.

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