Dear Sir,

Thank you for accepting our article on the utility of Tc 99m bone scan for detecting spondyloarthropathy and hope it is illustrative to the orthopedic and spinal surgeons community. Since it was mentioned in a letter to the editor that images would have been more illustrative, we have attached a two-phase bone scan image of a patient with inflammatory sacroiliitis.

Early phase images—15 minutes postinjection of a standard dose of Tc 99m methylene diphosphonate (Tc 99m MDP), the anterior and posterior images were acquired—demonstrate increased pooling of tracer in the left sacroiliac (SI) joint region. Delayed images (3 hours postinjection) also demonstrate increased cortical uptake, consistent with sacroiliitis of inflammatory etiology.

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