Osteomyelitis of the Cuneiform: A Case Report
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Foreign body injuries with thorns, metal and wooden splinters are common in our society since most children play barefoot. Some of the injuries may lead to cellulitis or abscess formation. We report a case of osteomyelitis of the lateral cuneiform in a 9 year old boy secondary to a thorn prick by Kei Apple (Dovyalis caffra). The patient was treated with complete removal of the thorn, surgical debridement and a combination of intravenous and oral cloxacillin for a period of six weeks. His currently being followed-up at our facility. Penetrating injuries to the pediatric foot may lead to osteomyelitis of the small bones of the foot especially if managed poorly. Although early and prompt diagnosis may avert this, established osteomyelitis may be treated by complete removal of foreign body, curettage and antibiotics.