

*Letter to the editors\**

**The unilateral wavy clavicle**

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In my observations I found that sternoclavicular subluxation that produces slight prominence of the clavicle at the sternoclavicular joint is a very common condition. It is seen in younger people where it is usually traumatic in origin and also in middle aged and older people caused by degenerative changes which probably involve both the sternoclavicular and the acromioclavicular joint. The condition appears to be more common on the right, usually the dominant extremity, which suggests a traumatic origin. With the subluxation and palpable

swelling of the sternoclavicular joint, I have noted that there are rotational deformities of the clavicle. By rotating the clavicle with its normal curves, a wavy clavicle would be projected. On the author's illustration A, the right clavicle has a prominently visible rhomboid fossa which to me indicates that it has rotated. Somewhat similar findings are seen in the other wavy clavicles illustrated and therefore I believe that rotation is the explanation rather than erosion by the subclavian artery.

\* Although *Skeletal Radiology* does not have a regular "Letter to the editors" column, it was felt that the above letter might be of interest.

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*Erratum*

**Para-acetabular periarthrits calcarea:  
Its radiographic manifestations**

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The authors would like to correct the following mistakes:

p. 477, Results, paragraph 2

"Twenty-six subjects were experiencing lumbago when their calcifications were first detected. Each of the 26 had one or more abnormalities, such as as narrowed intervertebral spaces, scoliosis, ..."

**Twenty-one** of the 26 had one or more abnormalities, not each of the 26, as was originally published.

p. 479, Table 2

"Radiological findings of lumbago subjects – 26<sup>a</sup>". The correct number of subjects is **21**.

p. 480, Results, continued

"The mean age at first detection was 47.8 years." The mean age at first detection was actually **47.7** years.