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A 34-year-old man presented with low back pain. T1-weighted magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) showed a low-intensity lesion in the posterior aspect of the L3 vertebra corpus. T2 weighted MRI showed a very high intensity in the same area. After contrast administration, rim like enhancement was seen around the lesion (Fig). These findings are consistent with a simple bone cyst. Simple bone cysts (SBCs) are very rare in the vertebra [1,2]. Although the cause is unknown, several mechanisms have been proposed, such as venous obstruction of interstitial fluid drainage, local trauma, and lymphatic degeneration caused by other tumors [1-3].

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Figure legend

Fig. Sagittal T1 weighted (a) MRI image shows hypointense, (b) fat saturated T2 weighted MRI image shows hyperintense lesion in the L3 vertebra corpus. Contrast enhanced T1 weighted sagittal MRI image (c) shows rim like enhancement around the lesion.

