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Title: Solid type primary intraosseous squamous cell carcinoma in the maxilla: report of a new case

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Dear Sir

Thank you for the kind comments and helpful suggestions from your editorial team regarding improvement of our article “Solid type primary intraosseous squamous cell carcinoma in the maxilla: report of a new case” by M. Iino et al. We have revised our manuscript in accordance with their suggestions. The answers to their questions are provided in a point-by-point fashion in this enclosure. We also have added the [Consent], [Competing interests] and [Author’s contributions] in the revised manuscript. We hope that our manuscript is now acceptable for publication in the *BMC Ear, Nose and Throat Disorders*. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

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According to the reviewers’ comments, we have made several revises as below.

1. Instead of FDI tooth numbering system, teeth were identified more precisely, such as “the right upper central incisor”. (P3; line 15-17)

2. Instead of panoramic radiography, 3D-CT was added (Fig. 2).

3. The detail of the incisional biopsy have been described as follows.
   “Incisional biopsy was performed via vestibular approach. The specimen of the tumor was extirpated with overlying mucosa. During the biopsy, an intact cortex was not observed. The histological diagnosis was moderately differentiated SCC. The connection between the tumor and the overlying mucosa was not observed.” (P3 line 18-P4 line 3)

4. PET scan showed enhanced lesion in the maxilla and right submandibular area. (P4 line 9-10)

5. The photomicrograph of the surgical specimen was added as Fig. 4.

6. We are very sorry that a photograph of the nasal endoscopy is not available for the manuscript.