Reviewer’s report

Title: The relationship between ezrin and podoplanin expressions in keratocystic odontogenic tumors.

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It is well written and interesting manuscript but there are some mistakes:

1. There is no control tissue for the IHC analysis. The control tissue (such as normal oral mucosa or radicular cyst) is needed to compare their IHC expression level.

2. Almost 100% of KCOT showed IHC expressions of PODOPLANIN and EZRIN. Does it really mean the KCOT has aggressive character? The authors said these two proteins are expressed in normal tooth germ and some benign tumors or various cystic lesion. If these two proteins are expressed in some cysts, is it true that these cysts has aggressive potential?

3. It is need to compare the protein's expression pattern between the recurred or aggressive KCOT and the conventional KCOT or lesser aggressive cystic lesion.

4. It is unclear how many specimens they used. 18 KCOTs in 16 patients?

5. It would be better if the authors could show the more IHC results in their manuscript.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests