Reviewer's report

Title: Schwannoma of the external auditory canal: A case report

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General

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1) Page 2, line 3
"In head and neck region" should be "In the head and neck region"?

2) Page 2, line 13
"Computer tomograph(CT)"
CT is computed tomography.

3) Page 2, line 17~
Was the preoperative diagnosis schwannoma? Did you detect the original nerve during the operation? Did you resect the tumor with enucleation? Did the patient show any postoperative sequelae?

4) Page 4, line 4
"We found very few cases of schwannoma~"
In reported cases, are schwannomas of the external auditory canal resected with transmetal approach? Please describe the surgical approach in each cases.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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