Reviewer's report

Title: Alveolar Ridge Keratosis - A Retrospective Clinicopathological Study

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The manuscript "Alveolar ridge Keratosis: A retrospective Clinicopathological study", authored by Bellato L and co-workers, deal with a very interesting topic in the field of Oral medicine and Pathology. Even if the study is retrospective, interesting data are clearly presented, nevertheless I have few comments.

Major Compulsory revision

None

Minor Essential Revisions

No data on follow up are presented. Could be of interest to know if patients were followed clinically and histologically and if differences between smokers and not smokers were detected.

In the M&M section, line 8, authors described only few of the pathological features analyzed, with lack of data on dysplasia. They should report all the features they revised.

In the results no data are available on clinical features, morphological pattern, extension and homogeneity of white patches. Authors should improve this section.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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