Reviewer's report

Title: Orbital involvement in Angiolymphoid Hyperplasia with Eosinophilia: Case Report

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Reviewer: J. Oscar Croxatto

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: Yes

Is the case report persuasive?: Yes

Does the case report have explanatory value?: Yes

Does the case report have diagnostic value?: Yes

Will the case report make a difference to clinical practice?: Yes

Comments to authors:

General
1) The current preferred name for the entity originally described as angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia is epithelioid hemangioma (Weiss & Enzinger, 1982). It may be entitled “Epithelioid hemangioma (angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia) of the orbit: Case report.

2) Epithelioid hemangioma, or angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia, is a benign vascular lesion, pathogenetically heterogeneous, that infrequently involves the orbit. A search from the literature retrieved about 40 cases of this benign lesion in periocular locations including approximately 14 cases with orbital involvement. A brief paragraph describing the background of the subject and the purpose and unique character for which the reporting of the case is valuable should be included before the Case Presentation.

In summary, this is a well written and illustrated case report about an uncommon but distinctive benign vascular lesion of soft tissues including the orbit, eyelid and conjunctiva, as well as the lacrimal grand. The manuscript is of some interest for those physicians with curiosity in tumors and lesions of the orbit.

Revisions necessary for publication

1) Use sentence case format for the title, change uppercase letters.

2) I would suggest converting the abstract into a structured format including Background, Case Presentations, and Conclusion subheadings.

What next?: Accept after minor revisions

Quality of written English: Acceptable