Reviewer's report

Title: Sublingual epidermoid cyst: a case report

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Reviewer: Adriano Piattelli

I am familiar with the literature and believe that this case meets one of the 7 criteria for evaluation in the journal: An unexpected event in the course of observing or treating a patient

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is this case worth reporting?: No

Is the case report persuasive?: No

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?: No

Comments to authors:

In the present paper the Authors describe a case of sublingual epidermoid cyst in a 11 year old male patient.

Major points

The present paper is well organized and the documentation provided clearly demonstrates the findings discussed. However it lacks of originality since the case discussed has already been published in the literature. Here there are further references that haven’t been included in the paper, but should be.


My major concern is that in the present report I can’t see anything different from the previous ones already published, so it doesn’t add any new information. I would suggest to reject it.

Minor Points
Meyer classification of floor of the mouth cysts is mentioned twice, in the Introduction and Discussion. I think that it is more appropriate to refer to it only in the introduction section. Moreover, the reference for that classification is missing. Please, add it.

Language and structure are correct except for minor spelling/typing mistakes in the:
- Abstract, page 2, line 13: “..he…” should be replaced by “…the…”.
- Case Presentation, page 4, line 1: “..he…” should be replaced by “…the…”

**What next?:** Reject

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable