Reviewer's report

**Title:** Polymorphous low-grade adenocarcinoma arising in tongue

**Version:** 3  **Date:** 9 February 2009

**Reviewer:** Maha Saheb

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: Yes

Is the case report ethical?: Yes

Is there any missing information that you think must be added before publication?: 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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

I think there is no logical sequence the way the information about the case and the literature review were provided; the later occupied more attention and space than the case itself, as no need for so many details on the histopathology, as it is not relevant to the case reported. I would prefer if the deferential diagnosis was not general and was tailored to the case in discussion.

Although the case as a whole is authentic (there are similar cases reported in the literature), some details are not, I find it difficult to accept the fact that with a tumor size of 2*3 cm the tongue movements were not affected and patient did not have any regional or remote lymoadenopathy.

More data about the patient history especially matters that can constitute disease risk factors. More details about the physical examination in particularly cervical lymph nods.

Thank you for sharing this case, I will highly appreciate if you could provide Macro-pathology Pictures of the excised tumour and elaborate more about the
follow-up time period.

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable