Reviewer’s report

Title: Therapeutic approach to Gradenigo's syndrome: a case report

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Reviewer: Chuan-Jen J Hsu

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

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?: No

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:

General Comment:
This manuscript described a case of Gradenigo’s Syndrome, successfully treated with conservative surgery to preserve hearing. Image studies played an essential role in deciding the conservative surgery. The authors’s report supports that petrous apex can be effectively drained in properly selected case via an infralabyrinthine approach without sacrificing the inner ear.

Abstract:
Pre-treatment and post-treatment hearing tests of this case should be documented in case presentation.

Main text:
P3 L14-15 complete left palsy of the VIth cranial nerve palsy # complete palsy of the left VIth cranial nerve
P3 L18 Delete “probable”
P4 L3-4 What does “The largest fitting” mean? What is the actual size?
P4 L7 Describe more clearly the durations of i.v. and oral cefuroxime, respectively
P5 L13 Replace “controlled” with “achieved”.
P5 L24 Add “in properly selected case” before “via an infralabyrinthine …..”
Legends
Fig 1. Footnote the symbols.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.