Reviewer's report

Title: Sarcoidosis in a dental surgeon: a case report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Findings that shed new light on the possible pathogenesis of a disease or an adverse effect

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?: 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

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The case report provides additional information about the etiology and pathogenesis of sarcoidosis. However, the discussion part is inadequate. The authors have proved in great details the direct relationship between the material detected in the specimen and from the environment. However, the significance of silicates (the material detected) and the literature search concerning silicates with respect to sarcoidosis have never been discussed. This should be added in the discussion.

Quality of written English: Acceptable