Reviewer’s report

Title: Proliferation of Epithelial Rests of Malassez following Auto-Transplantation of Third Molars: a Case Report

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Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

Has the case been reported coherently?: No

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?: Yes

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

1. Information of the anatomical region of the PDL in this case must be added.
2. Ultrastructural findings of the PDL epithelial, endothelial cells, and nerve fibres must be added more in the results.
3. Several cellular and Ultrastructural reports on the PDL epithelial cells should be considered in the results and discussion (Cerri et al., Anatomical Record 2008; Tadokoro et al., Periodontal Research 2002; Tadokoro et al., Acta Odontol Scand 2009). Is there any specific findings of the cells composing of the cluster close to PDL nerve fibers?
4. Scale bars or magnification, and arrows etc, must be added in all of EM photographs.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.