Reviewer's report

**Title:** Metastatic Breast Carcinoma in the Mandible presenting as Periodontal Abscess: a case report

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**Reviewer:** Yeshwant B. Rawal

Which of the 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:

Case presentation:
1. Please delete Caucasian (because 55-year-old white, means caucasian).
2. Would you not categorize paresthesia of the lip and chin as a remarkable finding? This one single clinical finding arouses suspicion of a malignancy in the presence of a swelling.
3. The dentition is divided into quadrants (4th of a circle) and not sextants (6th of a circle). Please change "posterior right mandibular sextant" to "...... mandibular quadrant"

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests.