Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Metastatic ameloblastoma responding to combination chemotherapy: case report and review of the literature

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**Reviewer:** Hilda Wong

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Presentations, diagnoses and/or management of new and emerging diseases

Has the case been reported coherently?: Yes

Is the case report authentic?: No

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:

The authors reported a rare case of malignant ameloblastoma, treated with doxorubicin and cisplatin with partial response. Although the treatment regimen is not novel for this rare disease, the manuscript adds to the current literature and provides a summary of previous reports. However it could be further improved:

1) histological features, which are key to the diagnosis of the disease, should be described in more detail.

2) the evolvement of the definition of ameloblastoma could be emphasized, and the historical designation of adamantinoma briefly mentioned.

3) figure 2 and 3 can be combined to be concise
4) grammatical and spelling mistakes should be avoided. eg, the same tense (past or present) should be used when reporting the case. spelling mistakes: "published", "active" etc.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.