Reviewer’s report

Title: Nasopharyngeal cancer mimicking Otitic Barotrauma in a resource challenged centre: a case report and literature review.

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Reviewer: Jagdeep Thakur

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?: 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:

This is a rare clinical presentation of nasopharyngeal carcinoma. However, manuscript needs extensive editing in terms of draft, language and figures. Specific comments are as follows and needs clarification in the manuscript:

1: How is it possible that patient had symptoms for 6-months and cancer didn't manifested elsewhere? (2): Why authors gave treatment only for 2 weeks? (3): Why didn't authors perform a easy, cost effective nasal endoscopy rather than CT scan? (4): OME present with mild conductive hearing loss but this patient had severe mixed hearing loss in presented PTA. therefore needs explanation. (5): OME in nasopharyngeal cancer is due to direct invasion of eustachian tube or its support structure then how patient can have immediate improvement after biopsy? (6) Please provide few more CT scan photographs and high quality
tympanogram photographs.

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I do not have any competing interest in the reviewed manuscript