Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Minor Salivary Gland Mucoepidermoid Carcinomas: A Clinical Analysis of 5 New Pediatric and Adolescent Cases and a Review of the Literature

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**Reviewer:** Maria Cássia Aguiar

**Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?:** Other

**If other, please specify:**

This manuscript represents a retrospective clinical analysis of five minor salivary gland mucoepidermoid carcinomas at the Lousiana State University School of Dentistry and combines the data with 15 well-documented cases from the English language.

**Has the case been reported coherently?:** Yes

**Is the case report authentic?:** Yes

**Is the case report ethical?:** No

**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?:** 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 present a well written manuscript regarding the clinical features and biologic behavior of minor salivary gland mucoepidermoid carcinomas occurring in children and adolescents from Louisiana State University School of Dentistry and to compare these findings with well-documented cases previously reported. This type of report is very important. The rarity of salivary gland tumors in childhood
makes cumulation of a hard experience at one institution difficult. The cumulative data help to understand the behavior of MEC and to establish guidelines for treatment. Additionally, the paper is well designed with excellent level of detail in Methods section and also is effortlessly understood by the reader. The study was approved by the Institutional Review Board and individual consent from the patient was exempted.

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'