Reviewer's report

Title: Intravascular papillary endothelial hyperplasia of the orbit in a Nigerian child: Case report and review of literature

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Reviewer: Roberto Ricci

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: Unexpected or unusual presentations of a disease

If other, please specify:

The paper describes an unusual presentation of an otherwise relatively common disease (McKees' Pathology of the Skin, fourth edition, 2012, page 1705). This should be clearly stated in the abstract, background and discussion sections of the paper, instead of reporting it as "an uncommon condition".

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:

Discussion, 2nd paragraph, 5th line: please, change recanalisation with recanalization.

Fig. 3a and 3b clearly demonstrate the intravascular nature of the process.

Fig. 4 does not seem to delineate the characteristic papillary projections.
composed of eosinophilic hyaline material covered by flattened endothelial cells. Instead, the latter appear as having hobnail morphology and the vascular proliferation seems composed by arborizing, branching blood vessels. Based on this picture alone, a differential diagnosis with retiform hemangioendothelioma should be considered.

A picture with more convincing features of IPEH should be provided.

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'