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: Jorge Torres Mora

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Comments to authors:

Interesting well written case, with all due respect I would like to point out a couple of minor details:

In the first paragraph, line 5 under the background section, the authors state that Papillary endothelial hyperplasia (PEH) is a rare disorder. We see PEH examples very frequently in our soft tissue consultation practice more commonly as a secondary phenomenon in thrombosed vessels as an attempt of recanalization or as a secondary finding in many types of hemangiomas and vascular malformations. I would suggest the authors to further elaborate if they think PEH is rare in the orbital area, or rare as the cause of the symptoms.

I would also suggest to add a paragraph about the main differential diagnosis of PEH, specifically angiosarcoma.
Reference No. 11: Typo "subcuteneous" instead of "subcutaneous"

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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