Reviewer's report

Title: An Unusual Cause of Facial Pain and Swelling Presenting to the Rheumatologist - Facial Nerve Compression by Posterior Inferior Cerebellar Artery: A Case Report

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Reviewer: sherif elwatidy

Which of the following best describes what type of case report this is?: An unexpected association between diseases or symptoms

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?: 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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

The article is well written and gives detailed description of the case and diagnostic workup done.

The case is interesting in its presentation as facial pain and swelling associated with HFS and background of mild connective tissue disease.

The 2nd interesting point is the cause of vascular compression (tortuous course of a branch of the PICA) rather than AICA.

You may add few sentences to discussion explaining the cause of facial pain and swelling in this particular case.
Quality of written English: Acceptable

Declaration of competing interests:
I have no competing interest in relation to this paper