Reviewer's report

Title: Pleomorphc adenoma presenting with conductive hearing loss in ear canal: a case report and literature review

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Reviewer: Robert P Takes

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

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?: No

Is the anonymity of the patient protected?: Yes

Comments to authors:

This is a nicely documented case report (although the clinical photograph is not optimally focussed).

The follow-up may be a bit short to exclude recurrence given the usually slow growth.

Some of the grammar may need some attention.

It is reported that "significant amount of hyperkeratotic substances was present behind the tumor but the tympanic membrane was preserved without appreciable change." Please give an explanation for this finding of "hyperkeratotic substances".

Quality of written English: Acceptable