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:

The added sentence "Whether radiotherapy for PA is effective and safe, a sufficient excision without breaking the capsule and a long follow-up are important for obtaining a good prognosis." is not very clear.

What is probably meant to say is that because the efficacy and safety of radiotherapy may be uncertain, it is best to try to avoid the necessity for radiotherapy. Another point is that to be more certain about the absence of recurrence, a longer follow-up is necessary. A better prognosis is not obtained by a longer follow-up.

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests