Reviewer’s report

Title: Oral manifestations of Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer Syndrome: a family case series

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Reviewer: Yehuda Zadik

Which of the following following best describes what type of case report this is?: None

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:

Dear authors,

Thank you for the submission. However,

1. There is a need for extensive editing by an English scientific editor (including the Tables). Abbreviations should be spelled-out at first appearance (e.g. FAP).

2. Abstract: the number of the studied family members should be mentioned.

"In the present family study was observed an association between Fordyce granules and Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer individuals" – not true; an association may be observed only by statistical analysis (P<0.05) – This is true for the Conclusion also.

3. Case presentation: You should describe how did you recruit the participants?
(was the family known to suffer from the condition?)

Please explain the criteria according which you radiologically differentiated between dense bone islands, hazy sclerosis, osteomas, odontomes, supernumerary teeth and unerupted teeth.

4. Discussion: you should present the prevalence of DPRS in general population (as you did for FG).

5. Because "25% of the unaffected family members also presented FGs" (and 50% of the adults) which is/are much higher than the prevalence in the general population – FG cannot be considered as pathognomonic feature.

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests