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Title: Peripheral Giant Cell Granuloma with Extensive Osseous Prosoplasia, or Hybrid Peripheral Giant Cell Granuloma-Peripheral Ossifying Fibroma: A Case Report

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached our manuscript titled “Peripheral Giant Cell Granuloma with Extensive Osseous Prosoplasia, or Hybrid Peripheral Giant Cell Granuloma-Peripheral Ossifying Fibroma: A Case Report”, by Ogbureke et al. We are submitting this manuscript for consideration for publication in the *Journal of Medical Case Report*. The Text and Figure Legends in a Word format and the Figures are uploaded as separate files. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this *Case Report*. We believe that it is better to report this very rare case in a journal such as *Journal of Medical Case Report*, which enjoys a significant global readership by dentists of all specialties, including pathologists. Our report is therefore suitable for publication in the *Journal of Medical Case Report* journal.

The peripheral giant cell granuloma, (PGCG) and peripheral ossifying fibroma, (POsF) are distinct clinicopathologic gingival lesions and are part of a list of commonly occurring benign and reactive gingival epulides of humans. Although distinction between the two entities based on clinical features is often impossible, their histopathologic features are sufficiently distinctive. While our search of the English literature revealed numerous case reports of their central, histopathologic counterparts (central giant cell granuloma and central ossifying fibroma) occurring as hybrid lesions, this case report represents the first of a true hybrid relationship between the two peripheral epulides, given their histopathologic features. The case also resurrects an enduring debate as to whether these reactive lesions are points in a spectrum of the same disease process.

*Patient’s consent for publication of this case was obtained and all personal identifiers have been removed.*

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Thank you again for your anticipated consideration of this manuscript.

Yours sincerely,

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