Reviewer’s report

Title: Hibernoma: a rare case of adipocytic tumor in head and neck.

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Reviewer: Mainak Dutta

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The authors have worked hard to create this revised version of the manuscript. It is in a better shape, however there are still some areas which need to be addressed.

1. Since there was a strong suspicion of liposarcoma from the clinico-radiologic perspective, was an FNAB or a tru-cut biopsy considered at any point of time? It seems carrying out such investigations would have been more logical to arrive at a provisional diagnosis prior to embarking upon surgical excision. Need specific and appropriate explanation here.

2. Table 1 is still inadequate. Where are the references (7, 8) among those that were consulted to prepare the table? Those references were mentioned in the second sentence of Discussion, citing the three patients with hibernoma in the posterior triangle of neck. The literature review therefore needs to be re-checked.

3. The original language of the article should be mentioned within third brackets in the Reference section, not within the text itself. Example: Merkel H. Über ein Pseudolipon der Mamma. Beitr Path Anat Allge Path 1906; 39:152-7. [article in German]

Furthermore, there are issues with proper formatting of the references yet. The author instructions must be followed, or the references should be written in uniform Vancouver style. For example, ref. 2 has a comma after the journal name, while ref. 3 has a stop. These and similar other inconsistencies must be sorted out carefully.

No need for PMID; and no need for doi number if the article is simultaneously published in print.

4. The sequences of the MRI should be mentioned. This is a must, because without them, the interpretations of the MR images are impossible. For example, proper sequence for D in Fig. 1 would help to establish that it is a vascular lesion, which otherwise is not evident.

5. The staining and magnification details of the histology photomicrograph are missing.

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