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Mr. Liam Messin
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Dear Mr. Messin;

Re: Manuscript reference No. OHEA-D-18-00096R1

Thank you very much for reviewing our manuscript.

Please find attached a revised version of our manuscript “Follicular lymphoid hyperplasia of the posterior maxillary site presenting as uncommon entity: a case report and review of the literature”, which we would like to resubmit for publication as a case report in BMC Oral Health.
Your comments and those of the reviewers were highly insightful and enabled us to greatly improve the quality of our manuscript. In the following pages, we made the selective decision and responded to the Editor Comments.

Revisions in the text are shown using red highlight for additions, and strikethrough font for deletions. We hope that the revisions in the manuscript and our accompanying responses will be sufficient to make our manuscript suitable for publication in BMC Oral Health.

We shall look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

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Responses to the comments of Editor

Comment: Thank you for your revised submissions. When we were assessing your manuscript it became apparent that we required an additional opinion.

We have discussed your manuscript with one of our Associate Editors and we would ask you please address the following outstanding concerns:

"The authors described an uncommon pathological entity that has presented in the maxilla. The authors responded well to the reviewers’ comments apart from only one comment which is the literature review. Although authors included the case that is presented in the maxilla but they didn’t report the other published that are presented in the oral cavity. I did a quick PubMed search and there are around 26 citations that reports cases from different parts of the body. I may suggest either to delete the literature review from the title and the manuscript then will be ready for publication or you may request authors to table all published cases in a table. I personally would go with the second option as it will give the manuscript a better opportunity for additional citations as it will provide a comprehensive literature review of the cases that are involved in the oral cavity.

Response: We followed the latter opinion and made use of “literature review”. Thereby, Table 1 was modified to increase the number of the cases of FLH which be involved in the oral cavity. Larger Table 1 was provided in the additional file 1, table 1 (continued) in the additional file 2. In the text, the parts related to Table 1 were corrected as follows.
“The clinicopathological characteristics of the case along with our case were summarized in the Table 1”

→ “The clinicopathological characteristics of 27 cases of FLH arising in the oral cavity along with our case were summarized in the Table 1 [1, 4-16]” on page 7, line 9-10.

“In case 1” → “In case 26” on page 7, line 10.

Five literatures were added to References.