Reviewer’s report

Title: Follicular lymphoid hyperplasia of the posterior maxillary site presenting as uncommon entity: a case report and review of the literature

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1. Background

   1. Please correct follicular lymphoid follicular hyperplasia to follicular lymphoid hyperplasia

2. Case presentation

   1. Images resolution must be improved.

   2. Figure 5 do not show CD10 and Bcl6 images

   3. Figure 7 do not show Bcl2 immunostaining and this image is important to be shown.

   4. Text must state that CD45RO and CD15 images are not shown.

   5. There are two tables with no title or numbering that are not necessary

3. Discussion

   1. The present case report announce in its title that reviews the literature on the subject. However it only analyzes briefly two articles with maxillary cases. An extended review of the literature must be provided.

   2. Authors state that immunostaining for Bcl2 could be a useful marker in the differential diagnosis between FLH and lymphoma. It is also important to say that 10 to 15% of follicular lymphoma are negative for Bcl-2 as well.

4. Conclusion

   1. Authors must make clear if they consider immunohistochemistry as a subsidiary or an important part of the diagnosis. This is also not clear in the discussion.

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