Reviewer’s report

Title: Lymphoepithelial carcinoma: a case report of a rare tumor of the larynx

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The manuscript "lymphoepithelial carcinoma: a case report of a rare tumor of the larynx" is a long, descriptive study. It would benefit from some editing to shorten its length.

Major issues:

1. Since this is in fact a very rare tumour, the authors should be more descriptive of methods that were used, namely how they determined the EBV status and what kind of immunohistochemistry was performed. Just "keratin positive" is quite short.

2. Although the images are not of good quality, they do not illustrate a typical LEC. Comedo necrosis is not a common finding in LEC and a few differential diagnoses should be excluded, namely tumours with basaloid features such as adenoids cystic carcinoma and basaloid squamous carcinoma.

3. Also in figure 3 there are remarkable epithelial alterations (acanthosis and keratosis). Was the overlying epithelium thoroughly evaluated?

Minor comments:

As mentioned, illustrations must be improved.

There is a new edition of the WHO blue book (ref. 5).

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