Reviewer’s report

Title: Diagnosis and treatment of oral focal mucinosis: Three case reports

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Reviewer: Shunsuke Sawada

Reviewer's report:

1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?

Yes

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Comments: I do not have any ethical concerns.

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Yes

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   - Main symptoms of the patient
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f. A summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits

Comments: It seems that all information was included.

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Comments: Yes, it is.

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Yes

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Comments: I think so.

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