

## Dear reviewer

Thank you very much for your very important comments, we attended each of them and we consider that now the work is more complete and focused.

Reviewer #1	
Commentary	Reviewer response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The authors represent a case of hyalinizing clear cell carcinoma in the oral cavity. This is a well-written paper with a good command of English. I have a few comments, though, which I list up in the next section. #Please cite each figure with appropriate sentences in the manuscript (ex. To cite only Figure 1 is not enough. Please cite Figure 1A and Figure 1B in the manuscript. This also applies to other figures).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All figures were cited appropriately. <u>(Figure 1 to Figure 4)</u></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>#PATHOLOGICAL FINDINGS -line 5, 'This histological pattern...evaluated': What does this sentence mean? In my opinion, this sentence is redundant.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The redundant sentence was corrected.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Please describe the presence or absence of salivary gland tissues in the background.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The absence of salivary glands in the histopathological section was described. <u>(Abstract, Case summary, line 6).</u></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Please indicate clearly the MIB-1 index (which is, according to the discussion, &lt;5%)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We do not use the MIB-1 antibody, we use the Ki 67 antibody, the index was described in the text. <u>(Last paragraph of discussion).</u></li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clear cells of this carcinoma are 'clear cells' because of glycogen, right? If so, to show PAS-diastrase alone is not enough. To show PAS-positivity is necessary. Please show PAS in parallel with PAS-diastrase with the same magnification in figure 3. And one more: No descriptions about the result</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>We add the PAS images with diastase and PAS without diastase, this in order to compare them and it was discussed and specified in the text. <u>(Last paragraph of pathological findings).</u></li></ul>

of PAS and PAS-diastase, which needs to be described in the manuscript.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>#Table 1: Please insert other columns and show 'treatment' and 'prognosis'. #The English of this paper is considerably good, but I found some questionable points throughout the manuscript. The following lists some of them I found when proof-reading it. Please proof-read the manuscript again and make it flawless from the standpoint of grammar as well. ABSTRACT -Background&gt;line 1: a uncommon tumor&gt;&gt;&gt;an uncommon tumor -Case summary&gt;line 3: the molars, the tumor&gt;&gt;&gt; the molars; the tumor -Case summary&gt;line 4: was composed for clear cells&gt;&gt;&gt; was composed of clear cells -etc, etc, etc...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The treatment and prognosis columns were inserted in table 1.</li> <li>The grammar was revised.</li> </ul>
<b>Reviewer #2</b>	
<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Reviewer response</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is an important case report of a rare malignant tumor, hyalinizing clear cell carcinoma. The present case is consistent with descriptions of established textbooks, and seems rather typical. In other words, the report contains no special point. The authors should have further highlighted this case's unique findings or episodes. If there is no such special point, this article may be unsuitable to be published. In addition, many careless mistakes in the manuscript evoke considerable concerns.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We emphasize the importance of this paper.</li> <li>This case had clinical characteristics of a benign lesion, with one year of duration, intact covering mucosa and well-demarcated from the surrounding tissues. When the computerized axial tomography was performed, a small isodense exophytic mass was described on the floor of the mouth, close to the left molar area without growth towards the deep planes. According to our research, this is the second case of HCC located on the floor of the mouth, the patient did not seek consultation until the volume increase was considerable.</li> <li>Hyalinizing clear cell carcinoma is a rare salivary gland tumor that has not been studied extensively. We presented herein the second case reported in the literature affecting the floor of the mouth. Its diagnosis is usually challenging, because clinically, it can be confused with a benign neoplasm, whereas histologically, there are several differential diagnoses.</li> </ul>

	Therefore, auxiliary techniques, such as PAS staining and immunohistochemistry, are valuable tools in reaching the correct diagnosis of this tumor.
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