

ANSWERING REVIEWERS

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed the edited manuscript in Word format (file name: 14068-review.doc).

Title: Intraparotid facial nerve schwannoma: A case report

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1. Format has been updated

2. Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewers

(1) Reviewer no. 0732053- No suggestions given.

(2) Reviewer no. 02446791-The following paragraphs has been added in discussion column-- **Facial nerve palsy in a patient with a salivary gland mass usually denotes malignancy. However, it can also be caused by benign salivary gland tumors such as pleomorphic adenoma and Warthin tumour. However none has been reported with intraparotid schwannoma.**

with reference to article- Nader ME, Bell D, Sturgis EM, Ginsberg LE, Gidley PW. Facial Nerve Paralysis due to a Pleomorphic Adenoma with the Imaging Characteristics of a Facial Nerve Schwannoma. *J Neurol Surg Rep.* 2014 Aug; **75**(1):e84-8. [PMID: 25083397 DOI :10.1055/s-0034-1368149]

Another paragraph emphasising the ultrasound technique sonoelastography in discriminating benign and malignant tumour has been added. These lines are:

Ultrasound evaluation in our case showed a well-defined mass with cystic areas within. Ultrasound when coupled with newer techniques like elastography is an innovative and powerful diagnostic tool that can help in differentiating between benign and malignant parotid tumours.

with reference to article- Klintworth N, Mantsopoulos K, Zenk J, Psychogios G, Iro H, Bozzato A Sonoelastography of parotid gland tumours: initial experience and identification of characteristic patterns. *Eur Radiol.* 2012 May; **22**(5):947-56. [DOI: 10.1007/s00330-011-2344-7]

However, we were unable to access full text manuscripts of the following two references quoted by reviewer:

Ref: Adani R, Tarallo L, Mugnai R, Colopi S. Schwannomas of the upper extremity: analysis of 34 cases.

Acta Neurochir (Wien). 2014. **because** article is ahead of print

Ref: Tsytarev V, Bernardelli C, Maslov KI. Living Brain Optical Imaging: Technology, Methods and Applications. (2012) *J of Neuroscience and Neuroengineering*; 1: 180-192. This is **paid article** and we could not access.

3. References and typesetting were corrected.

4. Changes in the bibliography portion has been made as per the guidance with addition of two references (7&8) in red font.

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Clinical Cases*.

Sincerely yours,



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