

### REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: JNHM-053

**Title:** Management of a giant gingival fibroma under local anesthesia at the Idrissa Pouye General Hospital

**Recommendation:**

- Accept as it is .....
- ✓ Accept after minor revision.....
- Accept after major revision .....
- Do not accept (*Reasons below*) .....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality	✓			
Clarity	✓			
Significance	✓			

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### *Detailed Reviewer's Report*

#### Strengths of the Study

- The study presents a rare case of a giant gingival fibroma, contributing valuable clinical insights into such uncommon presentations.
- It offers a detailed description of the clinical, radiological, histopathological, and surgical management, providing a comprehensive overview.
- The case emphasizes the feasibility of managing large fibromas under local anesthesia, which is valuable for resource-limited settings.
- Clear inclusion of preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative findings enhances the practical applicability of the report.
- The histopathological confirmation supports the diagnostic accuracy, adding scientific robustness.

#### Weaknesses of the Study

- The case report is limited to a single patient, restricting generalizability.
- Lack of detailed follow-up data beyond 30 days limits understanding of long-term outcomes and recurrence risk.
- No comparison with alternative surgical or non-surgical management strategies is discussed.
- The literature review is brief and could be expanded to contextualize this rare presentation better.
- The absence of explicit ethical approval mention or patient consent statement raises concerns.
- Figures, especially radiographs and histological images, could benefit from higher resolution or more detailed descriptions for clarity.

#### Reviewer Comments

- **Title and Abstract:** The title is clear but somewhat lengthy; consider making it more concise while maintaining key information. The abstract summarizes the case well but could specify the significance of using local anesthesia for such large lesions.
- **Introduction and Objectives:** The introduction provides a good overview but would benefit from explicitly stating the specific research or clinical question. Clear articulation of objectives at the end of this section is recommended.
- **Methodology:** The report describes the surgical technique adequately; however, detailed information about the anesthesia protocol, intraoperative measures, and postoperative care is lacking. The case selection process and ethical considerations should be clarified.

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- **Results and Discussion:** The presentation of clinical, radiological, and histological findings is appropriate. Nonetheless, the discussion could deepen analysis by comparing with similar cases in literature and exploring potential recurrence mechanisms.
- **Conclusion:** It summarizes the findings but should include recommendations for future management or research directions.
- **Ethical Clearance:** The manuscript does not explicitly mention ethical approval or patient consent. Ethical clearance from an appropriate review board and informed consent from the patient should be documented.
- **Language and Formatting:** The manuscript generally maintains good language quality but contains minor grammatical errors and awkward phrasing that require editing. The references are appropriate but should follow a consistent citation style.
- **Figures and Tables:** Figures are relevant but could be improved in resolution and clarity. Descriptive Legends would enhance understanding.
- **References:** The reference list includes pertinent sources; ensure proper formatting according to journal guidelines.

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