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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Submandibular distal sialolithiasis complicated by acute sialadenitis: emergency surgical 2 management. A case report.

Recommendation:

Accept after major revision

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

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This manuscript presents a case report of submandibular sialolithiasis with acute sialadenitis managed surgically, which is clinically relevant and well-aligned with current maxillofacial practice. The paper is generally well-structured, coherent, and supported by literature, but as a single case report, its novelty is limited. Overall, it requires minor revision to improve clarity and strengthen its contribution.

Strengths

- Clear and focused clinical presentation with logical flow (pages 1–2).
- Appropriate justification for emergency surgical approach.
- Strong literature-supported discussion with recent references (pages 2–4).
- Good inclusion of figures demonstrating procedure and outcome (page 6).
- Ethical considerations and consent properly addressed.

Major Concerns

1. Scientific Contribution

- Limited novelty as a single, relatively common clinical scenario.
- Does not clearly state what differentiates this case from existing literature.

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2. Case Detail Depth

- Limited reporting of:
 - Imaging findings (e.g., ultrasound/CT confirmation not clearly shown).
 - Laboratory parameters (infection markers).
- Follow-up duration is short (7 days only), limiting outcome interpretation.

3. Discussion Framing

- Discussion is strong but slightly overextended relative to a single case.
- Needs clearer linkage between case specifics and literature evidence.

Minor Comments

- Minor language polishing needed (sentence length and readability).
- Some redundancy between introduction and discussion.
- Figure captions (page 6) are adequate but could be more descriptive (e.g., stepwise explanation).
- No mention of limitations of the case report.

Suggestions for Improvement

- Clearly highlight the unique learning point or clinical takeaway.
- Add brief imaging details or justification if not performed.
- Include a short limitations section.
- Slightly condense discussion and align it more directly with the case.
- Improve language clarity and flow.