

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Facial Palsy in ASOM: An Uncommon Presentation

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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Reviewer's Comment for Publication:

The paper provides a valuable account of a rare complication of pediatric otitis media and highlights the importance of early surgical intervention and addressing predisposing anatomical factors such as adenoid hypertrophy. Improving the organization, expanding the literature review, refining language, and clarifying figure legends will enhance clarity and impact.

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Strengths:

- Relevant Clinical Focus:** The paper addresses a rare but important complication of Acute Suppurative Otitis Media (ASOM), providing valuable insights into diagnosis and management in pediatric patients.
- Comprehensive Case Presentation:** The case details are thorough, including history, clinical findings, surgical procedures, and follow-up outcomes, making it educational and illustrative.
- Use of Visual Aids:** The inclusion of figures (otoscopic images, intraoperative findings, postoperative improvements) enhances understanding and provides visual confirmation of key clinical points.
- Clear Management Algorithm:** The discussion emphasizes timely intervention with myringotomy and addressing predisposing factors like adenoid hypertrophy, aligning with current best practices.

Weaknesses:

- Structural Organization:** The paper's flow could be improved. For instance, the case presentation and discussion are somewhat disjointed; integrating these sections with clearer subheadings would enhance readability.
- Literature Review and References:** There are few references—only six—that relate to facial nerve palsy in ASOM. Including more recent studies and broader literature could strengthen the background and discussion.
- Typographical and Grammatical Errors:** There are minor issues such as inconsistent tense usage, missing articles, and some awkward phrasing. For example:
 - On Page 3, "an acute-onset drooping of the left side of the face and inability to fully close the left eye, which had developed over the previous 24 hours" could be clearer with proper punctuation.
 - The phrase "the child was discharged with advice for regular follow-up" might be better as "The child was discharged with advice to undergo regular follow-up."
- Figures and Legends:** While images are included, there are some captions without detailed explanations or labels, which could confuse readers unfamiliar with specific procedures or findings.
- Conclusion Scope:** The conclusion reaffirms the importance of prompt intervention but would benefit from a succinct summary of the key clinical lessons learned from this case.

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Recommendations for Authors:

- **Reorganize the manuscript** with clear subsections: Introduction, Case Report, Discussion, Conclusion.
- **Expand the reference list** to include recent and relevant studies on facial nerve palsy and otitis media complications.
- **Proofread carefully** to correct grammatical errors, improve sentence structure, and ensure consistency in tense and terminology.
- **Enhance figure legends** with detailed explanations, labels, and references in the main text for better clarity.
- **Summarize key takeaways** explicitly in the conclusion to underscore the clinical significance.