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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: "Parotitis on a Misplaced Gland: A Case Report"

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	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Date: 15.12.25

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strengths of the Paper

- **Clear Presentation of a Rare Case:** The report effectively describes an uncommon presentation of ectopic parotid gland with parotitis, adding valuable insights to existing literature.
- **Use of Multiple Imaging Modalities:** The case highlights the importance of ultrasound, CT, and MRI in diagnosing ectopic parotid glands and associated complications, demonstrating practical clinical relevance.
- **Concise and Focused Literature Review:** The paper provides an overview of embryological development, potential sites of ectopia, and differential diagnoses, enriching readers' understanding.
- **Visual Aids:** The inclusion of imaging figures enhances comprehension and supports the case description effectively.

Weaknesses of the Paper

- **Limited Discussion on Management and Outcomes:** The paper describes the diagnosis but does not detail specific treatment, management strategies, or follow-up outcomes.
- **Absence of a Detailed Differential Diagnosis Discussion:** While differential diagnoses are mentioned, a more thorough comparison with similar cases would strengthen the analysis.
- **Insufficient Methodological Details:** The report lacks information on additional laboratory tests or specific criteria used to confirm the diagnosis beyond imaging findings.
- **Inconsistent Referencing Style:** The references are numbered sequentially but lack consistency in formatting; some references are incomplete or not fully detailed.

Reviewer Comments

- **Ethical Clearance Status:** It is not explicitly mentioned whether ethical approval or patient consent was obtained, which is important for case reports involving patient data. Clarification is recommended if applicable.
- **Issues in Methodology:** The methodology mainly focuses on imaging features, but there is little mention of clinical examination details, laboratory findings, or histopathological confirmation, which could provide a more comprehensive picture.
- **Typographical Mistakes:** Some minor typographical issues are present; for example, the phrase "parotitis on an ectopic parotid gland" could be polished for clarity.
- **Grammar and English Language Quality:** Generally acceptable, though some sentences could be refined for better readability and flow.

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- **Formatting Issues:** The manuscript contains placeholder insertions like "[insert Figure 2]" which should be replaced with actual figures or corrected for publication. Additionally, some abbreviations (e.g., ER) are included without clear context; ensure consistency throughout.
- **Clarity of Objectives, Results, and Conclusion:** The objectives are understandable; however, the results section could be more explicitly delineated from the discussion for clarity. The conclusion effectively summarizes the importance of imaging but might benefit from emphasizing clinical implications more strongly.
- **Adequacy of References:** The references cited seem relevant, but some are incomplete (lack of page numbers, journal volume, or issue details). Updated and comprehensive referencing would improve the manuscript.
- **Missing or Incomplete Information:** Details such as the patient's follow-up, treatment, or outcome are missing. Information on whether biopsy or surgical intervention was considered would be valuable. Additionally, clarification on the criteria used to differentiate between inflammatory and congenital anomalies would strengthen the report.