Reviewer's report

Title: Congenital cholesteatoma of the infratemporal fossa with congenital aural atresia and mastoiditis: a case report

Version: 1 Date: 18 April 2012

Reviewer: Hiroshi Hidaka

Reviewer's report:

This is a case report of congenital cholesteatoma in a case of congenital aural atresia, who presented with acute mastoiditis. Although the manuscript is well written, some questions which should be answered are:

1. Bases on radiological evaluation (Fig. 1 and 2), extension of the opacity to infratemporal fossa is hard to be clearly diagnosed. The authors should indicate clearer radiological findings both on MRI and CT, specifically showing the relationship between the cholesteatoma and mandible.

2. Immunohistochemical staining with involucrin should be shown on the manuscript.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.