



## **Case Journal TAOMFR – Review Sheet**

Manuscript ID: Cases Journal TAOMFR-2010-02 entitled "**Primary Melanoma of the Oral Mucosa: Report of a Case**" written by Dr. Jing-Yi Chen, et al.

### **Comment(s) to the Author**

Primary oral melanoma is a rare disease with poor prognosis. Pain, ulceration, and bleeding are rare in oral melanoma until late in the disease process. Therefore, Oral melanoma is often overlooked or clinically misinterpreted as a benign pigmented lesion until it is well advanced. This article presented the cardinal signs of dental radiograph as the erosion of alveolar cortex bone. Any pigmented lesion with adjacent bone erosion without any contributing factors should alert the dental practitioners for the possible malignancy involved. And this radiographic finding could be one of the early signs of such silent melanotic malignancy. This should prompt the dentists to refer the patients for the biopsy. This manuscript is well written and formulated, and is a good teaching material for members of the TAOMFR Academy. It could be accepted without alteration.