LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor concerning Stavropoulos F, Katz J. Central giant cell granulomas: a systematic review of the radiographic characteristics with the addition of 20 new cases published in *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology* 2002; 31: 213–217

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I was reviewing the above mentioned paper and I found that some numbers are not mentioned correctly in Table 4. The authors did not consider the lesions with corticated borders when they reported the lesions with well-defined borders from previously published papers.

1. Horner. The author reported 18 (69%) well-defined lesions but did not consider 2 lesions (8%) with corticated borders.
2. Kaffe et al. Out of the 18 new cases in this article, 7 (39%) had well-defined borders but the authors mentioned 10 (56%).
3. Whitaker and Waldron stated in their paper that most cases were well delineated and only 13 (19%) had corticated borders, but in Table 4 the authors considered only these 13 cases (19%) as well defined, which made the majority of the lesions poorly defined.

The above facts would have changed the results of their systematic review. In the discussion, the authors quote, "In most cases, the borders are rather ill-defined

(66%). The results of the systematic review reveal inconsistencies between our 20 new cases and the 232 cases reviewed. The new sample includes more lesions with well-defined borders than the reviewed sample." If they consider the above facts, especially the 69 cases in the Whitaker and Waldron article where majority of the lesions were well defined, this conclusion would change.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to write.

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