



Sclerosing variant of Granular Cell Tumour- A Rare Presentation

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ABSTRACT: Granular cell tumour is a benign soft tissue tumour with a neural origin. They often present as painless nodule most commonly in the head and neck region with tongue being the most common location. Here we are presenting a case of Sclerosing variant of Granular cell tumour in a 16 year old girl presenting as a painful shoulder swelling

KEYWORDS: Granular cell tumour, Sclerosing variant.

I. INTRODUCTION

Granular cell tumour also known as Abrikossoff's tumour is a benign neoplasm first described by Abrikossoff in 1926.¹ Both females and males are affected but classically found in females in 3rd to 5th decades. They present as slowly growing painless nodules in skin, oral cavity, digestive tract and subcutaneous tissue; the tongue is the most common location.² Malignant transformation is rare but reported. A case of Sclerosing variant of Granular cell tumour is reported here for its rarity.

II. CASE REPORT

A 16-year old girl presented with pain and swelling over the posterior aspect of the right shoulder. On examination a 2x1 cm swelling noted on the posterior aspect of the right shoulder, tenderness was present.

Ultrasonography done and a diagnosis of lipoma was given. Biopsy was done and we received two partially skin covered fibrofatty tissues the larger measures 1.5 cm and the smaller measures 1 cm in diameter. Cut section showed poorly circumscribed grey white firm lesion measures 0.7 cm and 0.6 cm.

On microscopy, sections showed poorly circumscribed moderately cellular neoplasm composed of sheets and nests of polygonal cells with abundant eosinophilic granular cytoplasm with coarse granules and vesicular nucleus.

Variable sized fibroblasts and collagen bundles were seen admixed. Entrapped appendages, congested blood vessels and scattered lymphocyte collections were noted. On Immunohistochemistry study the granular cells showed strong nucleus and cytoplasmic positivity for S-100 marker. With the morphological and immunohistochemical findings a diagnosis of Granular cell tumour, sclerosing variant was given and follow up was suggested.

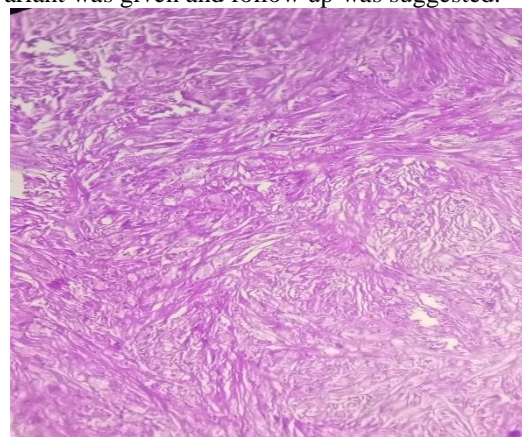


Fig1: Granular cells admixed with collagen bundles

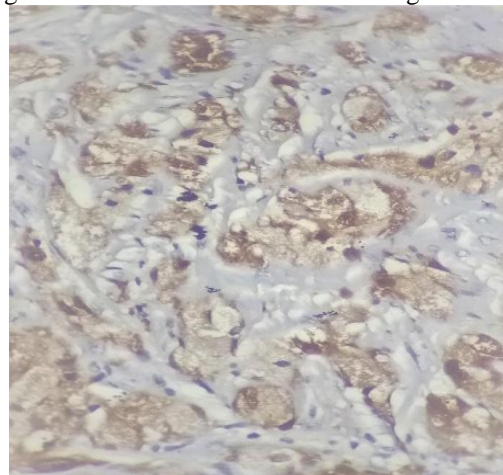


Fig2: S-100 positive Granular cells.



III. DISCUSSION

Granular cell tumour is an uncommon neoplasm of neural origin affecting skin and internal organs. More common in females in the 3rd to 5th decades.³ Granular cell tumour usually present as solitary, firm raised nodule with rough surface and usually remains asymptomatic but sometimes presents with pruritis and tenderness.⁴ The best radiological modality for characterisation is Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).⁵

Histopathological examination is necessary for diagnosis and reveals large cells with indistinct cell borders and eosinophilic granular cytoplasm. In Sclerosing variant variable sized fibroblasts and collagen bundles are seen admixed. The characteristic granularity is due to the accumulation of lysosomes.⁶ Various neoplastic and non neoplastic lesions like Basal cell carcinoma, fibrous papules, Dermatofibromas, Dermatofibrosarcomas, Adnexal tumours, Leiomyomas and Ameloblastomas have granular cell variants hence when granular cell change is noted a careful evaluation of clinical, histological and immunohistochemical findings is required for an accurate diagnosis.²

0.5-2% of cases are malignant and can metastasise.⁷

The following factors are highly indicative of malignant change-size >5cm, deep seated lesion at extremities, older age, female gender, rapid recent growth, recurrence and metastasis.^{5,8}

Malignant and benign granular cell tumours can be differentiated through proper clinical examination and by using Fanburg-Smith criteria which includes necrosis, spindling of cells, vesicular nuclei with large nucleoli, increased mitosis, High Nucleo-cytoplasmic ratio and pleomorphism.⁹

Wide local excision is considered as the best treatment. Benign Granular cell tumour has an excellent outcome after surgical excision. Follow up of all patients with Granular cell tumour is mandatory to check for recurrence and metastasis.¹⁰

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