

## Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor : A Rare Case Report

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### Abstract

MPNST is a rare disease, Up to 50% of MPNSTs occur in patients with NF1 . We present a rare case of MPNST which was not associated with NF1 . A 38 year old male presents with abdominal lump with pain abdomen and vomiting . Lump was non tender, intra-abdominal, intraperitoneal and was moving with respiration. There was no family history of cancer or co-morbidity ,CECT abdomen was done and patient underwent surgery. EXPLORATORY LAPAROTOMY WITH RESECTION OF TUMOR WITH COLOCOLIC ANASTOMOSIS & LOOP ILEOSTOMY was done and adjuvant radiation was advocated .HPE report was suggestive of MPNST.

**Keywords:** Biopsy, MPNST, NF-1, Pain, Lump ,CECT abdomen ,Surgery

### Introduction

Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors (MPNSTs) are sarcomas which originate from peripheral nerves or from cells associated with the nerve sheath, such as Schwann cells, perineural cells, or fibroblasts. The term MPNST does not include tumor arising from the epineurium or the vasculature of peripheral nerves , but has replaced previous less well defined terms of schwannoma , neurogenic sarcoma and neurofibrosarcoma.[1] Because MPNSTs can arise from multiple cell types, the overall appearance can vary greatly from one case to the next. This can make diagnosis and classification somewhat difficult. In general, a sarcoma arising from a peripheral nerve or a neurofibroma is considered to be a MPNST.

### Case Presentation

A 38 year old male of New Delhi, India presented with pain abdomen 2.5 months and lump abdomen since last 1.5 months ,on and off vomiting which was

non bilious since last 15 days . On examination There was single lump of size approx. 15 x 10 cm in Right lumbar region extending to right iliac and umbilical region, intra - abdominal , intraperitoneal , moving with respiration. There was no significant past medical or surgical history. There was no comorbidity & family history of cancer .Patient was admitted and work up was done. CECT of whole abdomen was done. Patient was operated , EXPLORATORY LAPAROTOMY WITH RESECTION OF TUMOR WITH COLOCOLIC ANASTOMOSIS & LOOP ILEOSTOMY was done and adjuvant radiation was advocated .Tumor was arising from nerve supplying the transverse colon and tumor was involving the colon also. There was also enlarged lymph nodes. It was 19cm X17 cm in size and 3.5kgs in weight.Specimen was sent for histopathological examination .

HPE report was showing malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumour, transverse colon.

Fig. 1.CECT abdomen showing abdominal mass in cross section



Fig. 2. CECT abdomen axial view showing tumor



**Fig 3**

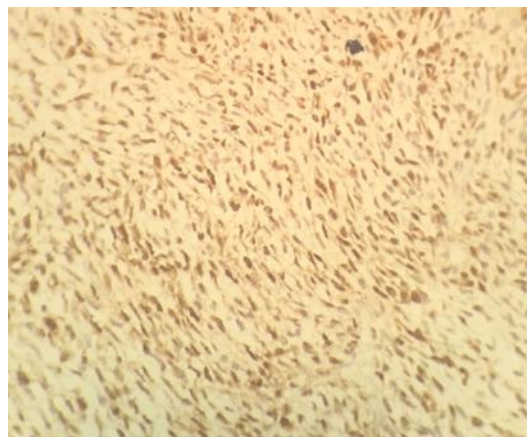


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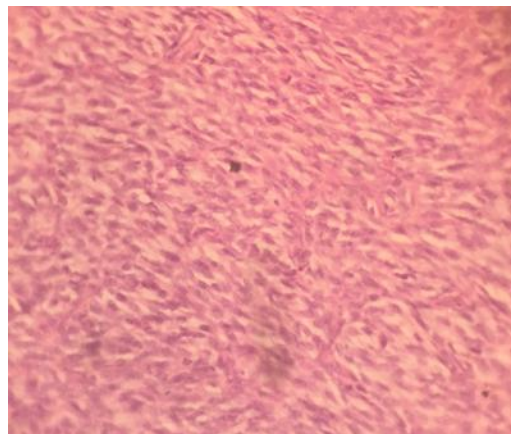


Measurements of tumor

**FIG. 5 Tumour cells showing immunopositivity for S100.(Dab chromogen)**



**FIG. 6 MPNST (H & E)**



## Discussion

MPNSTs comprise approximately 2% of all sarcomas, a small fraction of a group of cancers that affect 5 people per million per year.[2] They can occur either spontaneously or in association with neurofibromatosis-1 (NF1).

Up to 50% of MPNSTs occur in patients with NF1, demonstrating the tendency for this tumor to arise from a preexisting neurofibroma. [3,4] Cross-sectional studies have previously demonstrated a 1-2% prevalence of MPNST among NF1 patients although a recent study showed these patients have a 10% lifetime risk of ultimately developing an MPNST. [5,6] The etiology is unknown but there is a higher incidence in patients with a history of radiation exposure. [7,8] MPNSTs generally occur in adulthood, typically between the ages of 20 and 50 years of age as in our case. Treatment of disease is wide local excision with negative margins. Radiation therapy has become an integral part of local disease control in most soft tissue sarcomas.

## Conclusion

MPNST is a very rare disease and it progresses very rapidly. So early diagnosis of such a patient is very important which could be done by radiologically and histopathology in

combination and recurrence is also very high so radiation and chemotherapy is also advisable.

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