



## THYROID PARAGANGLIOMA - A RARE CASE REPORT

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**ABSTRACT**

**BACKGROUND** Paragangliomas are rare neuroendocrine tumor. Primary paraganglioma are rarely found in the thyroid gland though can be frequently mistaken for thyroid neoplasms. They are presented as enlarging thyroid nodules over several years. Most of the time these are non-functional. These rare neoplasms comprise of around <0.1% of tumors of head and neck.

**KEYWORDS :** Paragangliomas, Neuroendocrine, Tumor

**CASE REPORT**

A case of 73 year old female was presented with swelling at right side of the neck since 4 months, swelling moves with deglutination not associated with pain or dysphagia.

USG findings shows bulky right lobe of thyroid with a well defined iso to hypoechoic mass lesion with few central cystic changes and marked internal and peripheral vascularity.

**MATERIAL AND METHOD**

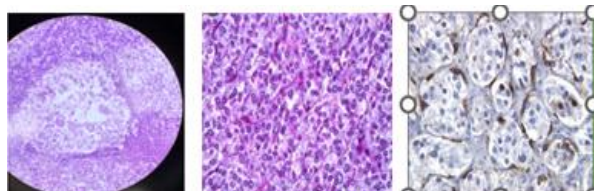
After receiving the excised specimen tissue processing was done, blocks prepared and H & E staining was done. Histopathological diagnosis was made.

**OBSERVATIONS****Gross Examination :**

Received grey white encapsulated soft tissue. Mass ms 4x2.5x2cm, cut surface grey brown with 1-2 tiny nodular areas, 0.5cm.

**Microscopic Examination :**

Studied H&E sections shows nests of cells surrounding a well defined capsule, cells are of two types arranged in Zellballen pattern surrounded by thin fibrovascular stroma. Tumor cells are chief cells and sustentacular cells with rounded nuclei.

**DISCUSSION**

Primary thyroid paraganglioma is an uncommon neuroendocrine tumor supposed to originate from inferior laryngeal paraganglia, <1% of paraganglioma originating within the thyroid gland. Possibly due to rare and unexpected occurrence in the thyroid gland, this tumor type remains unrecognized. Paraganglioma is a neuroendocrine tumor that originates from sympathetic paraganglia of the autonomic nervous system. Thyroid paraganglioma is slow growing and most patients present with an asymptomatic neck mass.

**CONCLUSION**

Due to rare presentation thyroid paraganglioma is frequently mistaken for other common thyroid neoplasm. The gold standard for diagnosis relies on the histopathological findings and Immunohistochemistry.

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