



A RARE CASE OF CENTRAL HEMANGIOMA IN MANDIBLE: CASE REPORT

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ABSTRACT

Intraosseous hemangiomas are one of the rarest lesions of jaw bone with an incidence rate of 0.5 -1% with the gender predilection being 2:1 (female: male) and shows it's peak incidence in fifth and sixth decade. Most common site for occurrence of hemangiomas are vertebral column and skull. Cutaneous hemangiomas are most common however intraosseous hemangiomas in mandibular site are a rare condition. In this case, a 30 year old male presented with pain in right side of face and difficulty in mouth opening. On extra oral examination, swelling and ecchymosis around right eye with subconjunctival hemorrhage was present along with step deformity over right infraorbital region. Face was bilaterally asymmetrical as there was a bony swelling in left lower facial region. CT scans (3D view) of patient showed right zygomatico-maxillary complex fracture and bony hyperplasia in the left mandibular body region. This paper presents a rare case of central hemangioma diagnosed accidentally in a patient who suffered from right zygomatico-maxillary complex fracture.

KEYWORDS

Case, Central, Hemangioma, Mandible.

INTRODUCTION

Central hemangioma is defined as a benign, congenital, vascular and self-involuting tumor of endothelial cells.¹⁻³

There are many theories of its origin, one of them proposed by Shira and Guernsey⁴ which states that, it can be a benign neoplasm due to proliferation of endothelium which further differentiates into blood vessels. Other theory given by Sadowsky D et al⁵ states that it is a hamartoma that results from the proliferation of mesoderm and undergoes endothelial differentiation and subsequently, is canalized and vascularized.

Hemangiomas have been classified by the International Society for the study of Vascular Anomalies (ISSVA) (Figure 1) on the basis of clinical appearance, radiological features, pathological features and biological behavior⁶⁻⁸ Various studies⁹⁻¹⁰ state that incidence rate of Hemangioma according to gender is 2:1 (female: male), with peak incidence in fifth and sixth decade. Most central hemangiomas are the cavernous type (large-calibre vessels), but can also be the capillary type (small calibre vessels).¹¹ Most common site for occurrence of a hemangioma are vertebral column and skull.¹²⁻¹³ As reported in a study by Oliveira GG et al¹, cutaneous hemangiomas are common however intraosseous hemangiomas in a mandibular site are a rare condition.

When occurrence is seen in mandible, accurate radiological assessment and biopsy can confirm the diagnosis. In the mandible, the frequency of occurrence is greatest in the body region, followed by condyle.¹⁴ In the present case report a rare case of central Hemangioma in the left body region of mandible is reported.

Vascular tumors	Vascular malformation
Infantile hemangiomas	Slow (low) flow
Focal	Capillary malformations (CM)
Segmental	Port-wine stain
Indeterminate	Telangiectasia
Congenital	Angiokeratoma
hemangiomas	Venous Malformations (VM)
Rapidly involuting congenital	Common sporadic VM
Hemangioma (RICH)	Bean syndrome
Non involuting congenital	Familial cutaneous and mucosal
Hemangioma (NICH)	VM (VMCM)
	Glomuvenous Malformation (GVM) or Glomangioma

Non involuting congenital Hemangioma (NICH)	VM (VMCM)
Tufted angioma	Glomuvenous Malformation (GVM) or Glomangioma
Pyogenic granuloma	Maffucci syndrome
Dermatologic acquired vascular tumors	Lymphatic malformation (LM)
Kaposiform hemangioendothelioma	Lymphedema
Spindle cell hemangioendothelioma	Lymphangioma circumscriptum
Hemangioendothelioma	Lymphangioma cavernosum
NOS	Lymphangioma cysticum
	Fast (high) flow
	Arterial malformation (AM)
	Arteriovenous fistula (AVF)
	Arteriovenous malformation (AVM)
	Complex combined vascular malformations

NOS: Not otherwise specified

(According to Modified International Society for the Study of Vascular Anomalies; ISSVA)

Case Report

30 year old male patient, reported to OPD in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, Mahatma Gandhi Dental College and Hospital. Patient gave a history of road traffic accident due to fall from bike. Patient complained of pain in the right side of face, difficulty in mouth opening. He had swelling and ecchymosis around the right eye with sub conjunctival hemorrhage. Step deformity was present over the right infraorbital region.

Face was bilaterally asymmetrical with fullness and hyperplasia of the left body of mandible (Figure 2). Patient gave a history of gradually increasing swelling in the left mandibular body region since 12 years but the swelling was absolutely symptomless. Patient had undergone CT scans (computerized axial tomography) of the face, 8 years back and was advised for a surgical removal of the bony mass (Figure 3).

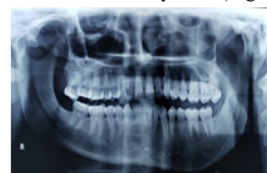


Figure 2: Pre-operative photo of patient

Figure 3: Pre-operative Orthopantomogram (OPG) of patient

Diagnosis:

CT scans (3D view) (Figure 4) of the patient showed right zygomatico-maxillary complex fracture and bony hyperplasia in the left mandibular body region. Aspirational Biopsy of the lesion was done in which blood was encountered. Later, in the CT Angiography of the lesion a low flow intraosseous vascular malformation was detected.

Patient was operated under general anesthesia and marginal resection of the left body of mandible was done along with ligation of the encountered blood vessels. Patient was also operated for right zygomatico-maxillary complex fracture where open reduction and fixation was performed using a Transconjunctival approach. (Figure 5)

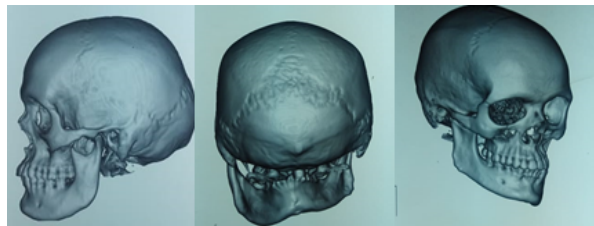


Figure 4: CT scans (3D view) of patient

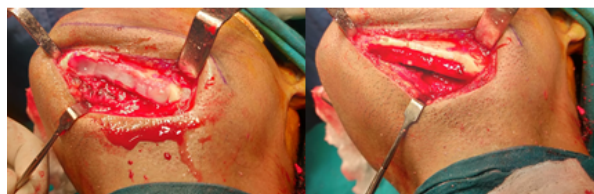


Figure 5: Intra op Picture



Figure 6 : Post-operative photographs of patient

Histopathology :

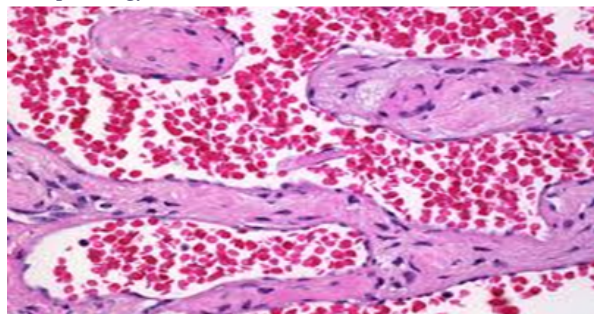


Figure 7: Histopathologic view of cavernous hemangioma

DISCUSSION

In this case report a patient diagnosed with central hemangioma in the left lower border of mandible is presented. As compared to this case, in one of the studies, it was reported that the highest frequency of the occurrence of Central Hemangioma is in the body of mandible. While in a study by Kamath JS et al¹⁶ it is reported to be 2 - 3 cm below the angle of the mandible on the right side. In a study by Chetan BI et al¹, central hemangioma was present in the left mandibular body region. In a study by Jain S¹⁸ et al the lesion was present in the right angle of mandible region, extending up to the temporo mandibular joint (TMJ) antero-posteriorly.

In the present study, the patient does not show any symptoms but only a sign of swelling on the left lower mandibular border. Similar case

findings were present in a study by Jain Set al¹⁸ in which small painless swelling was reported which increased gradually. In a study by Kamath JS et al¹⁶ and ThankappanS et al¹⁹ similar findings to the present study were found with diffuse swelling and no associated symptoms. In various studies^{11, 20, 21} it was stated that central hemangioma may be associated with discomfort, pulsations, bleeding, bluish discoloration, mobile teeth, derangement of the arch form or accelerated dental exfoliation, and agenesis of teeth.

In past studies⁹⁻¹⁰ it was reported that the peak incidence of Central Hemangioma is in fifth and sixth decade. In contrast to this in the present study the patient was of 30 years of age. Same results were seen in study by Elf B et al²² in a patient of 28 years of age. While in a study by DhimanNK²³ a patient with Central hemangioma was of 14 years. Study by ThankappanSet al¹⁹ in which patient was of 16 years. In a study by Kamath JS et al¹⁶ patient is of age 17 years. As shown by studies⁹⁻¹⁰ in past prevalence of central hemangioma was twice in females than in males. In contrary to these studies, in the present study central hemangioma was present in 30 year old male. Same results were seen in the study by Kamath JS et al¹⁶, ThankappanS et al¹⁹, Dhiman NK²³ in which patients were male.

Angiography, scintigraphy, and MRI have provide to be useful as a diagnostic tool where clinical and radiographic characteristics suggest a diagnosis of hemangioma.²⁴ while in the present study diagnosis was made by using 3D CT scans.

CONCLUSION

Central Haemangioma presents as an asymptomatic swelling which gradually increases over the time. Due to its asymptomatic nature, step by step approach towards a definite diagnosis should be made by excluding other bony lesions of the same characteristics. Microscopic examination along with CT Angiography is the gold standard for making a definitive diagnosis. Treatment modality should be carefully planned based upon patient's age, clinical features, extent of the lesion and systemic medical condition. In the above mentioned case, central hemangioma was seen as an accidental finding in the patient suffering from right zygomatico-maxillary complex fracture.

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