

Case Report

Fibrous Dysplasia of a Craniofacial Complex: Case Report

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ABSTRACT:

Fibrous dysplasia (FD) is a bone disorder in which fibrous connective tissue replaces normal bone. This is an anomaly caused by bone forming mesenchyme characterized by a defect in osteoblastic differentiation and maturation. It is a non neoplastic, developmental disease of the bone that begins in childhood with obscure etiology. Clinically, it is presented as a continuously growing, painless mass at late childhood. Maxilla and mandible are mostly involved in facial skeleton. Involvement of the zygomatic bone is rare. Fibrous dysplasia of the zygomatic bone may cause orbital dystopia, diplopia, proptosis, loss of visual acuity, swelling, mass formation, or facial asymmetry. This report describes the case of a 34-year old male patient who had presented himself with painless swelling of left lateral frontozygomatic suture i.e. lateral buttress of midface and was diagnosed with FD with the help of CT scan of face with 3D reconstruction and histopathology.

Key words: Nonhereditary, Frontozygomatic Suture, 3D Reconstruction, McCune-Albright Syndrome, Café Au Lait Spots.

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INTRODUCTION-

Fibrous dysplasia is an uncommon nonhereditary, skeletal developmental anomaly in which normal bone is replaced by an excessive proliferation of cellular fibrous tissue intermixed with irregular bony trabeculae. It's going to arise as one lesion called as monostotic or can occur with multiple lesions that affect many bones which is often called polyostotic. A little set of polyostotic FD (fibrous dysplasia) also can occur as a multisystem developmental disorder called McCune-Albright syndrome which is sometimes related to endocrine hyperfunction and café au lait spots.¹ It seems to be a rare disease with an incidence of 1:4000–1:10,000.² Craniofacial FD (CFD) affects the bones of the craniofacial complex, that included the mandible and maxilla, cranial base and vault, it's one among the various styles of FD.³ FD of bone occurs thanks to the missense mutations in Gs alpha gene in pluripotent

embryonic stem cells. The inheritance of those mutations remains in a very population of postnatal skeletal stem cells or mesenchymal stem cells that helps in directing the formation of atypical bone.⁴ There's a small female predilection for this condition.² The bones which are commonly involved are maxilla and mandible, involvement of the ethmoid, sphenoid, frontal and temporal bones are infrequent. The affected bones show expansion, thickening and sclerosis. Looking on the involved bone patients may suffer from visual abnormalities, hearing disturbances, facial asymmetry and tooth displacement.⁵ We report a case of CFD in a very 34-year-old male patient.

CASE REPORT-

34 year old male patient presented at the OPD with the complaint of painless swelling at the left border of the eye since last 3 years. There was no history of trauma

and paresthesia was noted down. Clinically pronounced facial asymmetry with a bony swelling in the left zygomatic bone involving left lateral frontozygomatic suture is noted. Diplopia or loss of visual acuity is not found. Proptosis was noted. (Figure 1) An excisional biopsy was obtained from the lesion in the zygomatic bone and histopathological analysis was done. Macroscopy showed two pieces of bony hard-tissue greyish white in color. Larger measuring 1.5 cm × 0.8 cm × 0.5 cm approximately. (Figure 2) 3D computed tomography shows unilocular radiolucent expansive mass with radiopaque spicules, characteristic focal area of ground glass appearance is noted involving the left zygomatic bone.



Figure-1: Clinical photograph



Figure-2: Gross specimen

No involvement of any other bones in the skeleton noted. (Figure 3) Histopathological examination of the

excised bone specimen showed curvilinear trabeculae of woven bone in a hypocellular fibroblastic stroma giving the characteristic Chinese letter pattern, confirming the diagnosis of fibrous dysplasia. No osteoblastic rimming noted. No evidence of atypia or raised mitotic count seen. (Figure 4) The current gold standard for the diagnosis of FD is a histologically-proven fibro-osseous lesion with poorly defined margins which are confirmed by radiographic findings.

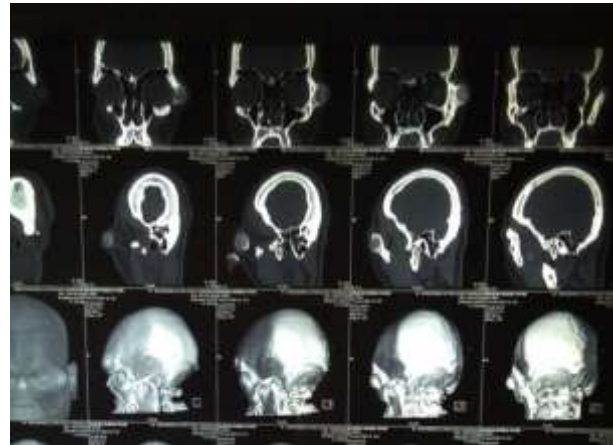


Figure-3: Computed tomography SCAN

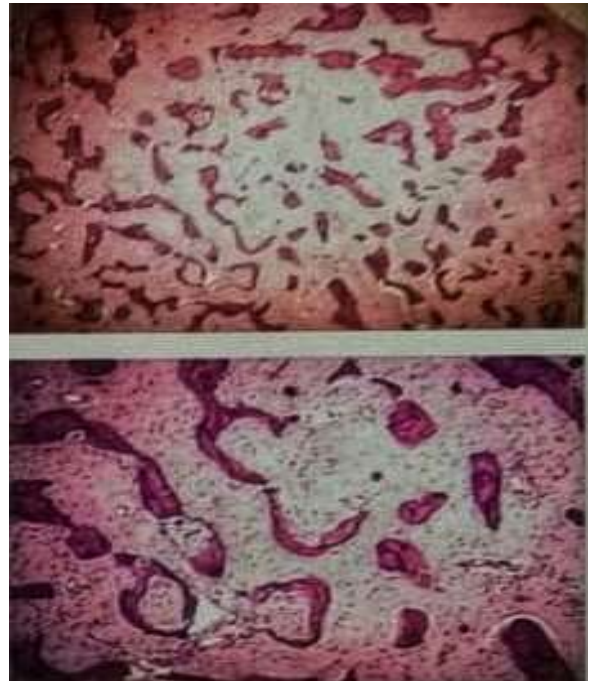


Figure 4: Histopathologic photograph showing irregular bony trabeculae

DISCUSSION-

FD is a congenital, metabolic, nongenetic disturbance anomaly caused by bone forming mesenchyme characterized by defect in osteoblastic differentiation

and maturation.⁵ It represents 2.5% of all bone tumors and over 7% of all benign bone tumors. FD involves the facial and cranial bones in nearly 50% of PFD patients and in 10%–27% of MFD patients.⁶ Maxilla and mandible are commonly affected with the temporal bone involved in 18% of cases. FD can occur at any age. However, it is usually observed in children and young adults with 75% of patients presenting before the age of 30.⁶ No gender predilection is found. The typical radiographic feature of FD is a radiolucent, hazy or ground-glass, pattern. The patterns are due to defective mineralization of immature abnormal bone and it is usually different from the radiographic appearance of normal bone.⁵ The microscopic appearances are those of a hypercellular and cytologically uniform fibrous stroma within which delicate and irregularly shaped trabeculae of woven bone are deposited. The configurations of these bony trabeculae are often referred to as resembling Chinese characters.^{5,6} Treatment protocols for FD include observation, medical treatment, and surgery. Clinical observation is suggested for FD lesions that have no risk of pathologic fracture or deformity. Medical treatment with bisphosphonates may have benefits including improvement of function, pain relief, and lower fracture risk in appropriately selected FD patients. One study reported clinical improvement in children and adults treated with bisphosphonates.⁷ Surgery is indicated for confirmatory biopsy, correction of deformity, prevention of pathologic fracture, and/or elimination of symptomatic lesions. Conservative management has been the standard of care, which involves removing the diseased bone via an intraoral approach. After a confirmatory biopsy of excised bony tissue, this case was diagnosed with symptomatic MFD. regular recall and clinical observation as been suggested. The reported prevalence of malignant transformation of FD is 0.4%–4%. Therefore, periodic follow-up, for example, every 6 months, and radiographic examination should be carried out to verify that there is no progression or malignancy.⁸

CONCLUSION-

Facing the clinical case, FD is considered a pathology, which may present functional and aesthetic impairment. To treat fibrous dysplasia, consideration should be given to the patient's age, presence or absence of facial asymmetry, facial involvement and future rehabilitation because it is a tumor with no precise and relapsing limits, it is important to remove as much tissue as possible without causing mutilations to the patient, functional deficits or lesions of noble structures. Surgical treatment is indicated in case of significant deformity, significant pain or pathological fracture. Radiation therapy is contraindicated due to the high risk of sarcomatous transformation. The follow-up is of fundamental importance (time) in order to detect relapses or a possible, malignant change at an early stage.

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