

Soft and hard tissue giant cell lesion as an expression of parathyroid adenoma – A clinical case presentation

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Abstract: *Brown's tumour is a special rare localized giant cell related tumour which arises as a consequence of the raised parathyroid hormone. Apart from other bones in body, in facial aspect the mandible is the most predominant site in the compared to maxillary involvement. Brown's tumour, usually manifest as osteolytic activity and gross distortion in the bones including maxillofacial bone, this suggests the necessity of timely diagnosis and timely accurate management. Here we report a female patient of 37 years presented with a soft tissue swelling in the gum of right side of the mandible along with hard tissue involvement of left side as the foremost appearance of main hyperparathyroidism, because of underlying parathyroid adenoma.*

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1. INTRODUCTION:

Hyperparathyroidism (HPT) is a illness happening because of enlarged excretion of parathormone subsequent to physical and biological modifications. HPT is classified into four different categories mainly: primary HPT which is mostly initiated through parathyroid adenomas (85%), hyperplasia (10%), besides carcinomas (5%). Secondary HPT follows due to compensatory rise in parathyroid hormone to hypocalcaemia or vitamin D lack. Tertiary HPT usually results in individuals of chronic secondary HPT leading to the dysfunctioning of a parathyroid gland. The last is an ectopic type perceived in individuals through additional malignancies.^{1, 2} Several periods, hyperparathyroidism is revealed by chance on tedious biochemical investigations or radiological examinations. Clinical manifestation of abnormally high parathyroid hormone levels are giant-cell lesions which is more popularly known as brown tumor. The stated prevalence of brown tumor is 0.1% and its frequency in secondary hyperparathyroidism is 1.5 to 1.7%. The mandible is mostly commonly involved in the maxillofacial region.³ The manifestation of the lesion, initiated by a Brown's tumor,

may lead to apparent osteolysis and significant abnormality in the maxillofacial area, which recommends the necessity for building a primary treatment and administration. We present a situation of a woman individual who shows by a small painless bulge in the gums of the mandible as the first sign of primary hyperparathyroidism, because of parathyroid adenoma. This case should appeal the responsiveness of oral clinicians to be alert to the potential incident of Brown's tumors in the jaws who may or may not be having any history of hyperparathyroidism.^{4,5}

2. CASE REPORT

A patient, who is 37 years old, has noted the major complaint about a gum development since 2-3 months throughout the bottom right mid tooth area. The patient noticed a growth on the right mandibular posterior region since 2-3 months, which was painless and gradually growing in size to attain the present size. Her medical history revealed that she suffered from multiple fractures of forearm and leg (shaft of femur) before 6 years. On external examination, the patient looks of a normal stature and all vital signs with normal limits but she was not able to stand without support due to multiple fractures of forearm and leg. In extraoral inspection a single diffuse bulge was there on the leftward lower 1/3rd of mouth about 3x2 cm in size extending beyond 1 cm beyond the lower border of the mandible and dissipate swelling from left cheek, leading to gross asymmetry but overlying skin of swelling appears to be normal. On palpation, a single well circumscribed soft growth was present buccally on the attached gingiva concerning 45, 46 regions about 2 x 1.5 cm in dimensions, Oval in form, superoinferiorly - Spreading from the inter-dental papilla to right gingivo-buccal sulcus Antero-posteriorly - from the mesial side of 45 to the mesial aspect of 46. On palpation, development was solid and - anti-tender, set to the framework of the base. A single diffuse growth was present in the right mandibular alveolus about 3x2 cm in size, buccally from 43 to 47 region. A diffuse swelling non-tender and bony hard in consistency was also observed on the alveolar mucosa in 33-37 region obliterating left gingivo-buccal sulcus were also palpated. Right side submandibular lymph nodes were tender on palpation, mobile and were not attached to underlying structure. (Fig. 1a-d)

Considering all the clinical findings, site of involvement, history, and characteristics a clinical diagnosis of a benign neoplasm was made. Radiographic examination of intraoral radiographs of molars and orthopantomograph revealed a generalized discontinuity in lamina dura around the teeth, and a diffuse radiolucency above the root of all mandibular molar teeth, subperiosteal erosion of mandibular angle which was suggestive of bony destruction. (Fig 2b-e). A radiographic differential diagnosis of, osteomalacia, and central giant cell granuloma or primary hyperparathyroidism was given. Radiograph (PA SKULL) of head and neck was done, which revealed salt pepper appearance with multiple punched out lesions. AP view of hands showed subperiosteal erosion with lytic expansile lesions and multiple fractures with nail placement. (Fig 3a-d). Hematological laboratory findings were as follows: Calcium- 12 mg/dl (8.6-10.3), Phosphorous-2.0 mg/dl, T3 -116.80 ng/dl (84.63-201.08), T4 8.82 micro g/dl (5.13-14.06), TSH 4.54 micro Iu/ml (0.270-4.20), parathyroid hormone- Serum/Plasma- 1061.4pg/ml (14-72), Alkaline Phosphatases (ALKPO4)-428.5 IU/L (40-129). Ultrasonogram (USG) of the neck region revealed a significant, homogenous, small deformity of size, 1 x 1.5 cm, located inferior to the lower part of the left thyroid with no involvement of cervical lymph node and it was reported as parathyroid adenoma. (Fig 4a)

Excisional biopsy was done of the growth present in the right mandibular attached gingiva concerning 45, 46 and Histopathologically, influential large multinucleated cell to 8-10 nuclei were submitted for analysis, high vascularity with few inflammatory cells, dilated blood vessels with extravasated RBCs. Associating all the Clinical, Radiological,

Biochemical and Histopathological findings brown tumor with Primary Hyperparathyroidism was given as final diagnosis. (Fig2a)

The patient was then advised to consult with the Endocrinologist for further intervention and management. Further, to know margins and spread of the tumor, a parathyroid Scintiscan was done with technetium-99m sestamibi, which revealed an abnormal collection of tracers in left lower parathyroid gland suggestive of Parathyroidectomy. (Fig4b). After one month of parathyroidectomy the patient was followed up and she was able to stand with support but after 3 months of follow up, she could walk unsupported with no recurrence of the intraoral lesion. (Fig 5a&b)

3. DISCUSSION

Brown tumors are as a result of hyperparathyroidism show bony lesions with erosion commenced by hasty osteoclastic activity. These lesions are generally benign and their expression is like a mass with discreetly cystic and to a certain degree solid regions. They are typically slow lesions that may be locally destructive exhibiting in the disparity of symptoms such as noticeable bony swelling, discomfort and pathological fracture. The typical "brown tumor" is frequently appreciated in ends of bones of limbs, ribs and the pelvis. Maxillofacial involvement is uncommon and sometimes may involve the mandible. Parathyroid adenoma is the commonest source of primary hyperparathyroidism and typically presents with warning sign of hypercalcemia^{6,7} Circulating parathyroid hormone elevates serum calcium by the sequential process that is by first stimulating osteoclastic resorption of osseous tissue which raises conversion of vitamin D to active Vitamin D (1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol) which subsequently increases distal tubular reabsorption of calcium.⁸ Maximum individuals through Over 60 years of age are main hyperparathyroidism. Female have this disorder 2 to 4 times as many as males. Throughout a regularly scheduled, biochemical inquiry, the dysfunction is commonly presented as well as the most number of the patients are somewhat symptomless⁹. A radiographic investigation, usually involving subperiosteum and swelling including its index phalanges as well as the center digits, is perhaps one of the early clinical symptoms of the condition. The systematic irregularity of the lamina dura anterior to all the teeth is often known as an abimal symptom of the condition. Modifications throughout trabecular design typically grow subsequently. A "ground glass" appearance in some cases, due to decrease in trabecular density.¹⁰ In this reported case patient was 37 years which is rare to have HPT who presented with soft and hard tissue lesion in oral cavity and had history of multiple fractures of legs and hands and had all comparable radiographic features as stated before. It is perplexing to discriminate Brown's tumours since additional huge cell tumours only by the base of histopathological and radiological considerations, the positive diagnosis is always prepared on the basis of thorough biochemical information.¹¹ Foremost treatment for this tumour is surgical elimination of allied parathyroid pathology. Brown's tumours commonly regress instinctively over time and other treatment choices consist of enucleation and curettage, thorough resection with reconstruction, followed by chemotherapy and radiotherapy.¹² though, many authors suggest to resect any remaining part of tumor after resolving HPT. Some authors also recommend pharmacotherapy as an adjunct for maintaining the hormone level and prevent recurrence of brown tumor usually vitamin D is given as maintained therapy.¹³ Some suggest use of clodronate as an effective drug therapy for hypocalcaemia in management of primary hyperparathyroidism.¹⁴ In present case surgical excision of tumor was done along with parathyroidectomy and patient was followed up for a year with no recurrence. Recent studies suggest and recommends the use of methylene blue in felicitating intraoperative

localization and preservation of parathyroid glands by fluorescent imaging which in turn improves outcomes following thyroid and parathyroid surgery¹⁵.

4. CONCLUSION

This case is a unique presentation of primary hyperparathyroidism due to parathyroid adenoma presenting as brown tumor with soft and hard tissue involvement in jaw as first clinical manifestation. This case emphasizes the oral clinicians to be accustomed with the distinguishing radiographic and clinical presentations in patients with hyperparathyroidism which may represent in jaw bone and gums of maxillofacial region. Final diagnosis of HPT can be only the analysis of both surgical, X-ray, biological and histopathological variables. Huger cell lesions identified histopathologically should be believed and investigated to rule out hyperparathyroidism for appropriate management and averting the reappearance.

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FIGURE LEGENDS

Fig 1(a) Patient reported to the outdoor on wheelchair. **(b)** Extraoral swelling on left side of mandible. **(c)** Intraoral presentation on right side of mandible on gingiva. **(d)** Intraoral bony swelling on left side of mandible.

Fig 2(a) H&E section under 40x showing giant cells with extravasted RBCs and blood vessels. **(b)** Occlusal x-ray showing bony expansion of left side on mandible. **(c,d,e)** Showing loss of lamina dura in relation with all teeth.

Fig 3 (a) PA skull view showing punched out lesions. **(b)** Lateral skull showing salt pepper appearance. **(c)** AP view of hands showing sub periosteal erosion. **(d)** AP view of legs showing multiple fractures with nail placement.

Fig.4(a) Ultrasonogram (USG) of the neck region showing parathyroid adenoma. **(b)** Scintiscan with technetium-99m sestamibi, revealing an abnormal collection of tracers in left lower parathyroid gland.

Fig 5(a) Patient followed up after one month was able to stand with support. **(b)** 3 months of follow up, she could walk unsupported.



Fig 5a



Fig 5b



Fig 4a

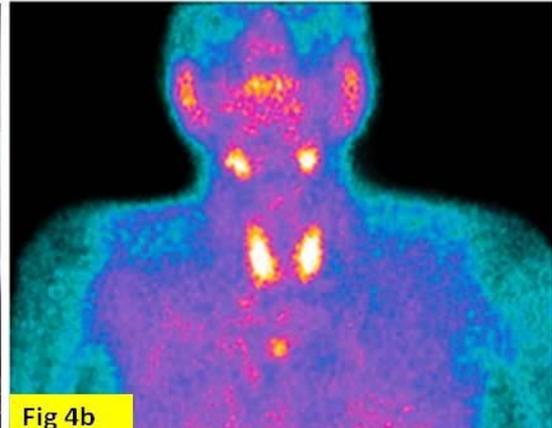


Fig 4b



Fig 3a

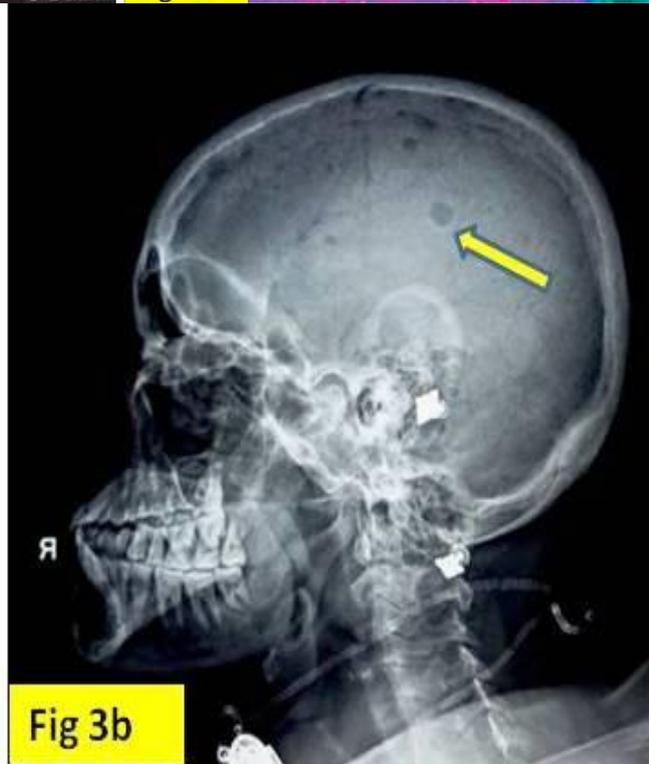


Fig 3b



Fig 3c

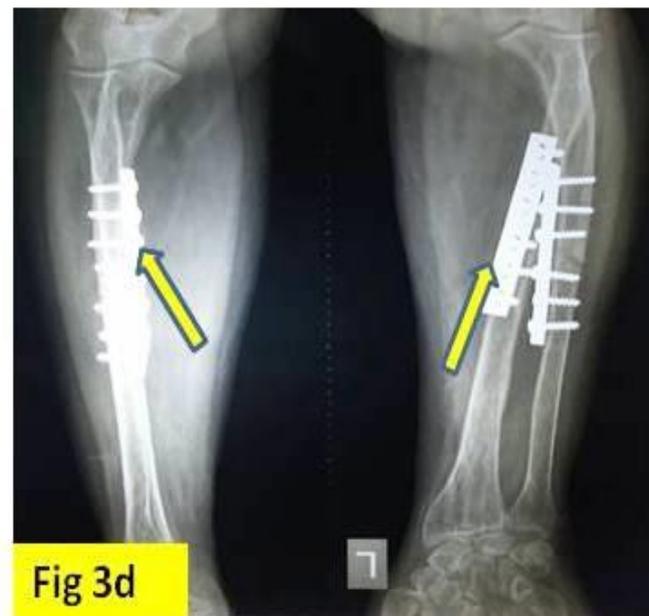


Fig 3d

