

Gallbladder Cancer Presenting with Scalp swelling: Case Report



Case Report:

A 50-year-old woman

painless scalp lump

progressively increased in size

Previous history of gall bladder adenocarcinoma 2 year

No history of truma or any addiction



EXAMINATION :

Well defined swelling was noted on the left temporal region.

On inspection, the lump was measuring approximately 2cm x 2 cm with a bulge of 2 cm in centre, with well defined margins and overlying skin was normal.

A horizontal scar on abdomen due to incision, was present.

On palpation, the lump was spherical in outline, had a normal surface temperature, and was non tender, firm, mobile over the underlying bone, with well defined margins

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DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION:

- There are only five case reports of gallbladder cancer metastasis to the bones in the English Language literature.
- Our patient presented with a scalp, which on further workup revealed bone metastasis..
- In our case, a Computed Tomography revealed the site of primary malignancy; which we believe is an adequate radiological modality for workup in developing country like ours.
- High index of suspicion leads to early detection and improves prognosis for aggressive malignancies, like gallbladder cancer.
- The purpose of presenting this case is not only to report a rare site of metastasis of gallbladder cancer but also to raise awareness among clinicians regarding this disease as a possible differential in diagnosis of scalp lumps.

