

Gender: Female

• Age: 34.2

Chief complaint

Right leg numbness progress in recent 1 month

Present Illness

- The 34 year-old female came to Neurology OPD for help because of progressing right leg numbness.
- She has suffered right numbress from foot to buttock for 1 month.
- Parasthenia especially on pain and thermal sensation
- Poor sensation to pin prick and two point discrimination

Examination

- PE: No specific finding
- Neurological examination :
 - pain and thermal sensation
 - Poor sensation to pin prick and two point discrimination
- Muscle power: 5
- Tendon reflex: ++



WBC 4.11 (L) RBC 3.49 (L) HGB 10.9 (L) PLT 211 Biochemistry

Glucose 88 **BUN 12** Creatinine 0.7 GOT 17 **GPT** 12 Na 142 K 3.8 Ca 9.3













T1WI



Post-Contrast T1WI



Post Contrast T1WI





Intradural extramedullary tumor R/O Meningioma



Extradural tumors

Intradural extramedullary tumors

Intramedullary tumors

Intramedullary tumors

Astrocytoma

Ependymoma

Hemangioblastoma

Astrocytoma

- More common in children
- Often locates in the thoracic cord
- Symptom is usually not specific
- Pain, gait difficulties and bladder dysfunction
- Plain film shows widening of the spinal canal and bony erosion

Astrocytoma

- On T1W image: low signal intensity
- On T2W image: lesion and associated edema are high signal intensity
- After contrast: enhance
- Treatment: surgery followed by radiotherapy



Ependymoma

- More often in intracranial than intraspinal
- Most often in lower spinal cord, conus medullaris and film terminate
- Back or neck pain with radiation
- Erosion of the posterior surface of the vertebral body
- Iso or hypointense in T1WI, heterogeneous in T2WI

Ependymoma



T1WI

T2WI

Contrast

Intradural Extramedullary Tumor

Meningiomas

Neurofibromas(Nerve sheath tumor)

Nerve Sheath Tumor

- Most common intraspinal lesion
- Pain and radiculopathy
- Plain film shows posterior scalloping of the vertebral body and widening of the neural foramen

Nerve Sheath Tumor



- T1WI: increased signal intensity
- T2WI: markedly increased signal intensity

Meningioma

- Usually in adults of 5th and 6th decade
- 60-80% in females
- Tend to be encapsulated and attached to dura
- 80% in the location of thoracic spine
- Pain, radicular pain, parethesias, numbness, weakness, bowel or bladder abnormalities

Meningioma

Pedicle erosion and widening of the neural foramen

CT: iso- or slightly hyperintense

Meningioma

- MRI T1WI: iso- or hypointense
- T2WI: slightly hyperintense
- Contrast: enhance immediately, intensely and homogenously



Nerve sheath tumor VS Meningioma

- Neural tumor tend to be located more anteriorly in the spinal canal
- Neurofibrama tends to be multiple, meningioma is usually solitary
- Nerve sheath tumor are not attached to the dura and have more mobility than meningioma
- Neural tumor can have a central area of decreased signal on T2WI that meningioma can't

Extradural Tumor

- Bone tumors
- Hemangioma
- Secondary tumor (Metastasis)



Extradural Tumor



Vertebral hemangioma

Metastatic disease to spine and Extradural space

- Myeloma(77%), breast cancer(61%), prostate(50%), stomach(44%), lymphoma(40%)
- The site of epidural tumor is mostly in thoracic spine (68%)
- Back pain is initial symptom in 80-90% patients

Metastatic disease to spine and Extradural space

- MR is extremely sensitive to detect the metastasis to vertebral body and extradural space
- Multiplicity strongly suggests metastasis
- T1W image: low intensity
- **T2W** image: varied appearance

Pathological Finding

- The specimen is 1.2*0.8*0.7 cm
- Grossly is brownish and elastic nodule accompanied by some meningeal tissue fragments and some vertebral bone chips
- Microscopically the brownish nodule shows a picture of meningioma with meningothelial pattern. Psammoma bodies are included.
- Invasion of vertebral body bones by meningioma is also found but it is not a sign of malignancy