

Uveal Melanoma: pathological aspects

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2.0: Tumours of the oesophagus: Introduction This chapter describes benign and malignant oesophageal Bex2.XX ICB-0-4 topgraphical coding by the analomical size covered in this chapter tumours of epithelial differentiation and The ICD-O-4 topographical coding for th ered in this chapter is presented in Box 3 common benign lesion, squamous pap a dedicated section. Throughout this fit 2.1.2.2: Oesophageal squamous precursor lesions are typically describe rom malignant turnours - a change fron dysplasia decision to make this change was bas expansion of our understanding of the b cal features of precursor lesions and th practice. There are two main types of precursor gus: Barrett dysplasia and squamous d Definition 10 years or so, we have seen an impo-Squamous dysplasia of the oesophagus is an unequivocal towards ablation for the treatment of neoplastic alteration of the cesophageal squamous epithelium, patients with high-grade dysplasia. The without invasion. ally occur in the treatment of low-grad ICD-O coding 80770/0 Low-grade squamous dysplasia 80770/2 High-grade squamous dysplasia WHO Classification of Tumours • 5th Edition ICD-11 coding grade 2E60.1 & XH9ND8 Carcinoma in situ of oesophagus & Oesophorade Related terminology Edited by the WHO Classification of Tumours Editorial Board Subtype(s A (AG) None Localization Squamous dysplasia can occur anywhere in the oesophagus and it is likely to follow the distribution of squamous cell carcinoma. Clinical features Patients at high risk of oesophageal squarrous cell carcinoma are usually followed using a combination of Lugol's chromoendoscopy and narrow-band imaging (1366). With Lugol's lodine, low-grade dysplasia appears as an unstained or weakly stained area; high-grade dysplasia is consistently unstained (2974). Features associated with neoplastic disease include large size, non-flat appearance, positive pink-colour sign, and multiplicity of distinct locline-unstained lesions (3702). On narrow-band B (900) Fig. 2.XX National age-standardized incidence rales sell cardiname (BCC) Turnours of the oesophagu

Takubo KT Fuji SF imaging, dysplastic lesions appear as areas of brownish dis-

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are similar (2367). There are currently no clinical applications for these comprehensive but complex data, but clinically relevant and diagnostically useful prognostic and predictive mark-ers may emerge in the future. Data from The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA) also suggest that oesophageal adenocarcinoma strongly resembles gastric carcinoma with chromosomal insta-bility (2602).

Macroscopic appearance

Oesophageal adenocarcinomas often present in advanced stages and appear as stricturing, polypoid, fungating, ulcerative, or diffuse infiltrating lesions. In earlier stages, adenocarci nomas may appear as irregular plaques. Early-stage carcinomas may present as small nodules or may not be detected on endoscopy. Adjacent to the carcinoms, there may be irregular torgues of reddish mucosa (resembling a selmon patch) that represent Barrett oesophagus and reflux changes and that contrast with the greyish-white colour of the squamous-lined oesophageal mucosa

Oesophageal adenocarcinoma shows gastric, intestinal, and mixed (hybrid) lineage, evidenced by a combination of morphological and immunohistochemical features (1548.426).

The mucosa adjacent to the adenocarcinoma may show Be common. It is characterized by irregular, single or anastomosin tubular glandular structures lined by a layer of single or stratified malignant epithelium; neoplastic glands often show variable amounts of intracellular mucin production and may show dilatation (1756). The papillary pattern is characterized by papillar with rare cases showing micropapillary architecture (1182). The mucinous pattern generally shows carcinome cells floating in



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colouration (2250,2202). Abnormalities on narrow-band imaging reflect the invasion depth of intramucosal carcinome and changes of intrapapillary capillary loops (2458).

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Fig.2.XX Oesophageal squamous dyspiasia. A On low-magnification endoscopy with nano the host left wail, 30 cm from the incisor. B On high-magnification endoscopy with nanow-ba between them is brightly coloured. C On while-light endoscopy, the lesion appears as a flat, : lesion is positive for the pink-colour sign – it is well demarcated and unstained.

Fig.2.XX In recent years, next-generation sequencing techniques have



Fig.2.XX Oscophageal adencearcing ma. An example in Barrett geographic double layer of muscularis muscularia.

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Uveal Melanoma

- Definition: Primary malignant melanocytic tumours of the uveal tract: Choroid, Ciliary Body (CB) and Iris.
- Diagnosis: Usually clinical by ophthalmoscopy during routine eye exam only 25% have symptoms.
- Circumscribed and nodular may hide behind iris.
- CB melanoma may cause glaucoma by anterior displacement of the lensiris diaphragm, tumour seeding, iris neovascularization, or rarely by pigment dispersion.
- Choroidal lesions domes-shaped (75%), mushroom shaped (with retinal detachment, of diffuse (5%).
- Pigmented in 55%, but non-pigmented in 15%.



Anatomy









Macroscopic dissection



- Observe
- Transilluminate
- Cut culottes either side of tumour
- Embed on best side, and culottes
- Cut levels!



Macroscopic appearance

Iris Melanoma



CB Melanoma



Choroidal Melanoma



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Sources: Bechrakis N.E.,

Epidemiology

- Worldwide, the incidence rate is about 2–8 cases per 1 million personyears – lower at lower latitudes (1.3–2.9 cases per 1 million person-years) and increasing with latitude (to 6.1–8.6 cases per 1 million person-years)
- Risk factors include uveal naevus (1 in 400), light skin pigmentation, blonde or red hair, dysplastic naevus syndrome, or BAP1 tumour syndrome.
- UV has no definite role. There is an association with welding.







Grossniklaus H.E.

Histopathology – Choroid



Spindle B cells

Epithelioid cells

Mixed cells



Histopathology – Local spread





Vortex vein involvement

Collecting duct involvement





Histopathology – Iris melanoma





BAP1 immunohistochemistry



BAP1 is positive in the nuclei.

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BAP1-negative choroidal melanoma.



Micrometastasis







- Immune control of metastatic cells
- Lack of angiogenesis
- Reduced cell turnover/growth.
 No evidence of multicellular micrometastases, so option 3 most likely.



Conclusions

- Uveal melanomas may arise from the iris, ciliary body, or choroid.
- Anterior tumours may invade the collecting ducts and gain access to conjunctival lymphatics
- Posterior tumours may invade vortex veins leading to haematogenous spread, often to lungs or liver
- 50% of patients die from haematogenous spread: as well as size, cell type, and vascularity, identification of tumours with BAP1 loss has prognostic significance.



Thank you!



