

# Oral Malignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumors: A Systematic Review of the Case Reports

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Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors (MPNST) originated from cells of the peripheral nerve sheath. These tumors account for 5% of all soft tissue sarcomas. MPNST are extemely rare in the oral and maxillofacial region. Oral Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumors (OMPNST) arise denovo or from neurofibromatosis type I. d. OMPNST usually presents with a progressive swelling which may be painful. The mean age in patients is about 40 to 46 years. The most common sites OMPNST is the mandible, lips, and buccal mucosa. Radiographic examination of intraosseous tumors reveal irregular destruction of the surrounding bone. Definitive diagnosis of OMPNST is confirmed on the basis of findings histopathological and immunohistochemical evaluation. The prognosis OMPNSTS is poor and to treat by radical surgical excision, radiation therapy and chemotherapy. This systematic review aimed to determine the most significant influential factors in OMPNSTS and evaluate the diagnostic and therapeutic methods in this regard.

### Introduction

MPNST, also known as malignant schwannma, neurofibrosarcoma and neurogenic sarcoma are rare soft tissue sarcoma that account about 3% to 10% of all sarcomas [1-4]. Almost 50% of MPNSTs occurs in patients with neurofibromatosis type 1 (von recklinghausen's disease) but it can arise denovo or be associated with radiation exposure [5, 6]. MPNST originate from schwann cells and nerve sheath cell that are very rare in the maxillofacial region [7-9]. Its incidence in the oral region is extremely rare, about 0,001%. Oral malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor (OMPNST) are very rare and usually presents with progressive swelling which may be painful [10-12]. OMPNST may occur anywhere, but the most common sites are the mandible, lips, and buccal mucosa [13-14]. The mean age in patients with MPNST is between 40 and 46 years for sporadic cases and 29-36 years for NF1 associated cases. No gender predilection there is not for this disease [15-18].

Radiographically, intraosseous tumors of the mandible reveal widening of the mandibular canal or the mental foramen, with or without irregular destruction of the surrounding bone [2, 3, 19-21].

Microscopically, OMPNST shows proliferation of malignant spindle-shaped cells arranged in the form of fascicles, which often resemble the cells of fibrosarcomaan [5, 6-8]. These cells are irregular in shape with wavy or comma-shaped nuclei. also fascicles may be present in less cellular myxoid areas [2, 6-22]. In some of the tumors may formed heterologous elements such as skeletal muscle differentiation (malignant Triton tumor), cartilage, bone, or glandular structures [1, 3, 4,

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Immunohistochemical examinations are usually performed to confirmed final diagnosis of the lesion. Anti-S100 protein is the most important antibody identifying OMPNST [7, 9, 10, 25]. These lesions have a poor prognosis, and the first- treatment line involves Surgical resection of the tumor [10, 11, 26]. Radiotherapy and chemotherapy is also recommended as an adjuvant treatment [27-28]. MPNST tendency to recurrance and metastasize, especially to the lungs [25-27]. This systematic review aimed to address the following questions:

- What are the most influential factors in the occurrence of intraoral OMPNST?
- What are the most common symptoms and complications associated with OMPNST?
- What are the most effective methods in diagnosing and treating OMPNST

# **Materials and Methods**

This systematic review aimed to investigate the published articles focusing on oral malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor through searching in databases such as PubMed and Google Scholar. Initially, all the published articles during 1961–2018 with related abstracts were assessed by one researcher. Literature search was conducted using keywords such as oral, malignant schwannoma, malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor and neurofibrosarcoma. Selected articles were published in English and Persian, and duplicate reports were excluded from the study. In this study, we only reviewed case reports of OMPNST. Among other excluded studies were articles published in other language, previous reviews, meta-analyses, expert opinions, consensus statements, original articles, editorials, letters, and gualitative studies. Furthermore, studies performed on other types of OMPNST were eliminated from this review. Initially, 826 articles were identified based on the title, 94 of which were selected after the close screening of the abstract. In total, 34 articles were selected out of 94 related studies, and other excluded articles were as follows: 17 reviews articles, 43 head and neck MPNST articles and 4qualitative research. Eventually, 30case reports were systematically reviewed by the researchers. Required data were extracted by one researcher, and all the selected articles were reviewed in full text after screening. Moreover, the results obtained by each case report were studied in detail and evaluated based on the objectives of this study. In the present review, we focused on different variables including age, gender, location, and size of OMPNST, duration of disease, associated complications, and type of treatment and diagnosis. Among the reviewed cases of OMPNST, 13 patients were males and 19 were females. In addition, the mean age of the patients with OMPNST in different countries was 37.5 years (age range: 8 - 76 years). Out of 32articles, 8 were published in India, 2 cases were in Iran,3 cases were in Brazil, 3cases were in American and 5cases were reported in Japan. In general, several cases of OMPNST were reported in regions of Asia and Europe. With regard to the location of the tumor, 6 cases of OMPNST were reported to be on Tangue, 5were reported to be on maxilla, 7were reported to be on maxilla, 4were reported to be on parotid and 4were reported to be on inferior alveolar nerve. Other cases have been reported in other area such as palate, gingival, lower lip, mental and lingual nerve.

# Discussion

MPNSTs are a rare spindle cell sarcoma that originate from nerve sheath cells, Schwann cells, neurofibroma and neurilemmoma [29-30]. MPNST is an aggressive sarcoma that may arise denovo or about 5% to 42% in association with neurofibromatosis type I [25, 27, 31, 32]. The etiology of spontaneous MPNST is still unknown [4, 7, 8]. MPNST may occur anywhere in the body but only 8% to 16% of cases presenting in the maxillofacial region [10, 11, 13]. MPNST in the head and neck region typically involves eight cranial nerves and trigeminal nerve [15-19]. MPNST in the oral cavity is very rare and only a few cases have been reported in the literature. In OMPNST the



mandible, lips and buccal mucosa is the most common locatin [12-15, 16-18-23]. While OMPNST is normally an enlarging mass that sometimes exhibits rapid growth and often produced symptoms of pain and paresthesia [5-7, 14]. If present in sof tissue the lesion present as firm elevation with indistinct margins and ulceration of the mucosa may or may not be occur [24-25-32-33]. When bone is involved , tumors present as radiolucencies with indistinct margins and may appear as a widening of the mandibular canal and dilatation of the mental foramen [22, 23, 25].

#### Assessment of age, tumor size, and gender in patients with OMPNST

The first case of OMPNST in the maxilla was reported by Shotton in 1988 [21], 10 previously reported cases of MPNST occurred in other location of body. Oral MPNST most frequently appear during the third to sixth decades of life, with no sex prediction [3, 4, 6, 9, 10]. According to the literature, the majority of the patients with oral MPNST were female and only 13 cases were male [12, 13, 15]. According to the results of the present review, patients with OMPNST were within the age range of 8-76 years [17, 19, 20, 28]. Generally, age distribution of patients OMPNST is variable [30, 32, 33]. Furthermore, findings of the current review indicated that mean age of the patients with OMPNST was 37.5 years, which could be affected by different variables such as the location of OMPNST [27, 28, 30-33]. The mean age in patients with neurofibromatosis type I (29 to 36 years) is about one decade younger than in those without his condition (40 to 46 years) [7, 8, 11, 13, 17]. In terms of tumor size, oral MPNST are normally smaller compared to MPNST despite their repid growth rate [18, 20, 22-24]. Size of OMPNST is approximately 1-4 cm, while they might be larger if located in the mediastinal and retroperitoneal regions in the reviewed cases, size of OMPNST ranged between 9 mm and 8 cm [25-27, 33]. In the current study, duration of the disease was found to be variable, ranging between 1 weeks and 45 months. As such, reported cases by K.W.Grdtz, et al. had the longest duration (45 months) compared to other studies [19]. The most diameter of the tumors was reported to be 9cm in the study by Soumyajiet al. and 7cm  $\times$  6 cm  $\times$  4 cm in the study by Ozmen et al [8-9].

#### Location and complications of OMPNST

OMPNST can originated sporadically from a neurofibroma or very extremely as metastasis [22-24]. Oral MPNSTs are often located on the mandible, lips. and buccal mucosa [15, 16, 18, 20]. According to the findings of the present review, the majority of the reported cases of intraoral MPNST were identified on the tongue and mandible. OMPNST rarely occur in the gingival area in this regard, M.B.Guglielmotti, et al. reported a case of MPNST in gingival with painless swelling in a 18-year

-old which was the first reported case of OMPNST on the gingival [22]. Some of the cases intraosseous OMPNST to imitate of inflammatory periapical lesions with radiography appearance from unilocular to multilocular [19, 25, 26, 28, 29]. The clinical symptoms of OMPNST are usually a local mass with severe pain and paresthesia, dysphagia,trismus and dysarthria are observed in cases with large tumors, depending on the anatomy of the affected region [7, 8, 12, 14, 17, 29]. Swelling, and pain are the most common complications caused by intraoral MPNST [29-33]. In the present review, 50% cases of painless OMPNST was verified in the literature. Moreover, 90% cases had discomfort associated with the swelling of region [2, 5-7, 18].

#### Diagnosis and treatment

Diagnosis of OMPNST can be very difficult clinically, radiographically and histopathology especially in sporadic cases [1, 2, 6-10, 15]. Clinically, no differences have been reported between intraoral MPNST and ordinary oral soft tissue sarcoma [16, 19, 23, 26, 28]. Therefore, it is not possible to distinguish between OMPNST and other types of these oral sarcoma. A diagnosis of OMPNST must be detected on the basis of criteria such as arising from a nerve and Schwann cell [15, 18, 20, 31, 33, 34]. Histopathologically, this tumor cause shows fascicles of atypical spindle -shaped cells and



heterogeneous components such as glandular structures, cartilage and skeletal muscle in the hyper - hypo cellular (myxoid zone) areas can be distinguished with other types of spindle sarcomas such as fibromatosis, fibrosarcoma, leiomyosarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, malignant fibrous histiocytoma, synovial sarcoma, osteosarcoma, angiosarcoma and melanoma. Therefore, immunohistochemistry evaluation is necessary for definitive diagnosis [4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 16, 19, 21, 28-30]. The tumor cells showed positive immunostaining for S-100, Vimentin , neuron specific enolase (NSE), GFAP, Leu-7, myelin basic protein and BCL-2 that confirmed neurogenic origin [25, 27, 28, 32]. The results some of researches indicated expression of P53 and Ki67 are 2 reasons for the diagnosis MPNST [32, 33]. In the present study, predominant histopathological findings on OMPNST that observed in all the reported cases included a encapsulated tumors consisting of a fascicular pattern in hypo and hyper cellular areas with proliferatio of atypical of spindle cells with bizarre and wavy or comma-shaped hyperchromatic to vesicular nuclei and elongated eosinophilic cytoplasm. In most cases necrosis, hemorage and mitotic activity are frequent. One of the method to diagnosis and detected of OMPPNST is electron microscopic examination that including of elongated cells with interwining cytoplasmic processes [20, 22, 23, 25]. Cytoplasm contained densely cord granules, mitochondria and pinocytotic vesicles [16, 17, 19-20]. Radiological approaches, such as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) and could be used for reveals the nerve origin and show the erosion of the mandible and widening of the mandibular canal respectively [17, 19, 24, 27, 28, 29]. Positron emission tomography (PET) with the glucose analogue 18- fluorodeoxyglucose is benefit in cases of metastasis and recurrent disease [29, 30-33].

MRI is gold standard for diagnosis MPNST especially in cases with enlarged tumors or uncertain diagnostic biopsy [4, 6, 17, 28]. Through methods such as CT-scan and MRI, valuable data could be obtained for the appropriate diagnosis of OMPNST, while biopsy and histopathological evaluation are necessary to the definitive diagnosis of these lesions [9, 11, 16, 25, 33].

The optimum treatment of OMPNST still remain obscure. Wide surgical excision is considered the first-line treatment for OMPNST [16, 26, 28, 29, 32]. Local recurrence is common about 40%. Adjuvant RT is being used for all OMPNSTs although its role remains unknown and usually the dose is 60-70 GY [11, 18, 22, 26, 29]. The role of adjuvant chemotherapy for OMPNST remain unclear and chemotherapy is generally limited to the management of locally advanced and metastatic lesions [17, 27, 28, 30, 31]. Despite management and control of OMPNST about 44% of patients shows metastasis [1, 4, 5, 16, 17]. The most common metastatic location for MPNST is lung, bone, pleura, liver and spine [21, 26, 28, 33]. Metastasis to lymph node and brain is uncommon. Almost in 50% of cases, hematogenous metastasis is created [10, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 32].

Prognosis of OMPNST is poor. Tumor prognosis depends to size of lesion, location, stage and grade [14, 15, 18, 22]. Prognosis MPNST in the extremities is better than maxillofacial lesions [16, 19, 20, 22]. Overall survival rate for patients with sporadic OMPNST patients is 40 – 70% and in patients with NF1- associated is 10% at 5 years for this reasion NF1 patient must be monitored for malignanct changes so early identification [6, 7, 8, 11, 15, 17, 20]. Findings of research DiCerbo et al. demonstrated that patients with MPNST in maxillofacial area had a worse prognosis in compared with patients with MPNST in the extremities [17].

Recently, new researches shows targeted therapies originated of activation of RAS pathway and successful treatment of BRAF V600E mutated in MPNST [18]. Oral MPNST is considered a highly aggressive neoplasm [1-2-6-9-11-16-20-25]. However, malignant schwannomas have been observed in some patients, along with ancient schwannomas in other regions. Surgical excision is considered the first-line treatment for these lesions with preservation of the neighboring structures (Table 1).

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Monika Probstet al. 2018 [1]	Berlin, Germany	58	male	Inferior alveolar nerve	1 cm	1year	Pain in the lower jaw and in the right lower lip and chin region. With numness, pain, and mild swelling	Radical surgical m anagemen t is the treatment of choice	1year	The latter especially exhibited an inhomo geneous expressio n of S-100, which can be found in nerve sheath tumors but also in malignant melanoma s. Analysis for CD45, CKpan, H MB45,mel an-A, and tyrosinase as well as for BRAF mutation was negative.
Soumyajit Roy MDa, et al. 2017 [2]	India	30year	male	MPNST of the tongue	9- 10 cm	24 months	hypogloss al nerve palsy (the tongue was deviated to right side and f asciculati on was noted over the right half of the tongue)	He underwen t surgery followed by adjuvant c hemother apy with ifosfamide and epirubicin		Incisional biopsy showed a malignant spindle cell tumor in the sub- epithelial connectiv e tissue. The tumor cells were immune- positive for S-100
José Alcides Arruda, et al. 2016 [3]	Brazil	16year	female	peripheral nerve she athtumor of the maxilla	2.5 × 1.0 cm	A few months	pain involving the upper left incisors region	surgical excision of the upper left lateral incisor as well as the total removal of the remaining lesion and adjuvant c hemother apy.	years 9	positive for S-100 protein and glialfi brillary acidic protein showed that the lesion was an intraos seous malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor of the maxilla. malignant neoplasm fragments consisting of



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Sumit Majumdar , et al. 201 [4]	India	25year	female	MPNST of the mandible	3×3 cm	3 months	pain in her lower right back tooth	a minor surgical procedure during which extraction of involved tooth and incisional biopsy from the lesional site were performed	still under follow-up	Immunohi stological (IHC) studies were conducted to confirm the neural origin by S-100 and Neuron Sp cific Enolase (NSE). The section was strongly positive for S-100 and NSE [ Table/Fig- 7,8]. Wide excision of the lesion with negative margins was done. The excision biopsy also suggested MPNST
Thiago Lucena do Amaral, DDS, et al 2016 [5]	Brazil	67year	male	Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor of the lower labial Muc osa.MPNS T	2×1 cm	4 months	painful swelling	SurgeryR adiothera py Chemo therapy	4 years	Immunohi stochemic al analysis of tumor cells revealed positivity for S-100 prtein, CD56, CD34, and neuron- specific enolase but was negative for neurof ilament protein, glut-1, claudin-1, desmin, and smooth muscle actin.
Shilpa	India	30 years	female	Malignant	8×4 cm	2 months	A tender	Posterior	The	a partially



Patel, et al. 2015 [6]				perip eral nerve sheath tumour (MPNST) of mandible			swelling on the rightside of the mandible	segmental mandibule tomy was performed under general a naesthesi a.Chemot herapy and radiot herapy.	patient was then lost to follow-up.	encapsula ted lesion having a f asciculate d growth pattern with alternate hypocellul ar and hy percellula r areas. I mmunohis tochemica l analysis showed intense and diffuse positivity for vimentin, S-100 and Bcl-2
Sandhya T amgadgee t al.2014 [7]	Iran(Isfah an)	65year	male	Intraosseo us malignant peripheral nerve she athtumor of maxilla	3×5cm	9-10 months	a swelling and partial numbness of the upper left side of the jaw. mild, intermitte nt, dull aching pain along with a discomfor t during the mastic ation	Surgery	short term and long- term follow-up	Immunohi stochemis try (IHC), Mesenchy mal malignant spindle ce llsshowing diffuse and intense po sitivitywit h S-100, glial fibrillar acidic protein, Leu-7, myelin basic protein, neuron specific e nolaseand neurofila ment
Ozmen " Ozt"urk1, et al. 2012 [8]	Turkey	16year	male	MPNST,a Malignant Peripheral NerveShe ath Tumor ofthe Oral Cavity	7 × 6 × 4 cm	weeks6	a rapidly enlarging mass in the mouth causing severe dysphagia , mandibul ar and te mporoma ndibular pain, and respirator y difficulty	Surgery	8months	A CT scanning showed a mass. Hist opatholog y reveals malignant tissue composed of spindle cells arranges in cellular fascicles and a mixture of poorly defined



										cellular and cystic componen ts expressin g vimentin and S-100. Its features reveal a fusiformor globoidma ss with necrosis, pseudocys tic change, or hemorrha ge
W. V. B. S. Ramaling am, MS et al. 2012 [9]	India	22year	male	MPNSTM alignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor of the Oral Cavity	6×7cm	2Months	a painless swelling on the right unde rsurface of tongue and diffuse swelling in the right sub mandibula r. mild difficulty in swallow ing, with no complaint s of difficulty in breathing or a change in voice	surgery and was treated with 6 cycles of c hemother apy with g emcitabin e and docetaxel as a palliative measure.	3 month	Indirect la ryngoscop y showed a smooth swelling in the right base of the tongue and vallecula pushing the epiglottis posteriorl y. tomogr aphic (CT) scan showed a large, soft tissue density mass in the oroph arynx. Im munohisto chemistry of the specimen was positive for S100. vimentin and negative for creatine kinase, Epithelial Membran e Antigen (EMA), desmin, and CD34
MJ Ashraf et al. 2010 [10]	IranShiraz	67year	female	Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor of	4 × 3 cm	1 week	complaini ng of swelling in the tongue	The patient underwen t hemiglos sectomy.S	8 months	Among these markers, only positive



				the tongue				urgery		vimentin and weakly focal positivity for S100 and NSE were observed, which was in favor of the neuro genic origin of this tumor.
Venkates G.Naikm sur, MDS et al. 2009 [11	h India	28year	female	anterior mandible	8×10cm	1 month	swelling in the anterior m andibular	Radical surgery. Surgical removal remains the mainstay of treatment. Adjuvant radiation therapy may improve local control	1 year	Histologic evaluation of the biopsy specimen under light micr oscopy showed a highly cellular neoplastic tissue composed of large compactly arranged spindlean d fusiform- shaped cells. The tumor was focally reactive to S-100 I mmunohis tochemist ry is useful in confirmin g neural d ifferentiat ion. 10 S- 100immu noreactivi ty is seen in 50%- 90% of MPNSTs
Hemalatl a AL et a 2006 [12	India	35year	female	MPNST Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor in oral cavity	4× 5 ×5 mm	one year	Swelling in tongue	. surgery	1 year	Histopath ological e xaminatio n of the excised mass showed features of spindle cell sarcoma following which a pr



										ovisional diagnosis of MPNST was offere dImmuno histochem istry confirmed neural origin of the tumour
Neetha MC et al 2004 [13]	India	12year	female	Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor of the maxilla		2 months	with a swelling of left cheek region Int raorally, the swelling extended buccally and palatally from premolar to tuberosity region. Swelling was fixed and firm to hard in consistenc y.	Surgery.	8months	histologic al features were suggestiv e of malig nantperip heral nerve sheath tumor of the maxilla.
Jacqueline A. James et al. 2003 [14]	Manchest er,United Kingdom	25year	female	MPNSTLo w-grade malignant Triton tumor of the oral cavity.in the buccal vestibule adjacent to the maxillary left premolars	1.5× 5 ×5 mm	Month2	an enlarging, painlesss welling in the premolar region of the left maxillary vestibule.	surgery	5months	Immunohi stochemis try demon strated diffuse positivity of the spindle cells for S100 protein. The large pleomorp hic cells showed weak positivity for -sarco meric actin and myoglobin .The same cells were variably but strongly positive for desmin
Marianne Dcerbo,et al 1992 [18]	American	13year	female	Malignant Schwanno ma of the Palate:	1.5cm	3months	with a chief com plaintof a sore in	Surgeryra diotherap y.	7Years	been shown to be positive



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M.ohnishi et al 1992 [19]	Japan	8year	male	Extensive malignant schwanno ma of the mandibula r nerve	2×3×1 cm	a few days	with limited upward movement of hisupper left eyelid	SurgeryC hemother apy	Years5	The radio graphs showed an expanded mandibula r canal and expanded foramen ovale Imm unoperoxi dase staining for the neural crest marker S-100 protein was positive, whereas NSE was negative. The tumor was diagnosed as malignant schwanno ma.
Skorek A et al. 2000 [20]	korea	12year	female	Malignant parotidsal ivary gland peripheral nerve sheath tumour in a	2×2×1 cm	1months	painless swelling	Chemothe rapy	2year	Immunohi stochemic al studies showed positive staining of tumour cells for vimentin and focally for S-100 protein.
K. W. Grdtz, et al. 1991 [21]	Switzerla nd	62year	male	Malignant melanotic schwanno ma of the oral cavity	4×3 cm	3 yearsand 9 months	The right submandi bular lymph nodes were enlarged on	surgery The patient died 2 months later.	1year	Iron stains for hemosider in and alcian blue and PAS were negative.



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Kardos TB et al. 1990 [22]	New Zealand	32years		aggressiv e, peripheral nerve- sheath tumour that presented as a lump on the alveolar mucosa near the mental foramen	2×3 cm	4months	Painful swelling	surgery.	8months	Immunohi stochemic al studies showed positive staining of tumour cells for vimentin and focally for S-100 protein
J. C. SHO TTON, et al 1988 [23]	BritishAsi an woman,	26years	female	The malignant Triton tumour maxilla	6×4cm	3months	pain in that area	Radiother apyChemo therapySu rgery	1year	.Immunoc ytochemis try was also used to confirm coexistant neural and muscular tissue. An SIOO test which is used to confirm the presence of neural or neural crest origin protein was positive



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M. B. Gug lielmotti, et al 1987 [25]	Argentina	18years	male	Malignant schwanno ma of the gingiva	2×1.6cm	6months	painless swelling	Surgery under local anesthesi a	2years	The tumoral mass was highly cellular, c omprising plump spi ndle- shaped cells usually with elongated cytoplasm atic processes, with nuclear hy perchrom atism, ple omorpbis m and a large number of mitosis.Th e final histologic diagnosis was malignant peripheral neurogeni c tumor.
Kanemits u Siiirasuna ,et al. 1986 [26]	Japan	76years	female	in the ma ndibleexte nding from the left 2nd molar to the right premolar region	5.0 × 3.3 × 4.5cm	3months	painless swelling on the mandible	treatment, the ptient was obser vedperiodi cally.The surgical wound healed without evdence of residual of recurent lesion in the area of excision 12 months after the operation.	8months	radiograp hic findings, a provisiona l diagnosis of odonto genic tumor was made. the cells were significant ly positive for S-IOO protein. In termediat e sized filaments, including keratin, vi rmentin,an d desmin were not detected in the tumor im munohisto chemicall
Hammond HL1969	United States	58years	female	Malignant peripheral	4×3×7cm	8months	pain in the right	thyroidect omy was	2weeks	The overlying



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										Leu7, CD68, and epithelial membran e antigen was partially positive in the tumor cells. Only very weak . No staining was noted for desmin, c ytokeratin cocktail CK22, S- IOO protein, glial fibrillary acidic protein, or CD34. Strong expressio n of p53 protein was noted in the tumor cells. We counted Ki67 labeling indices in more than half of the tumor cells
M. S. Kenali,*,et al. 1999 [35]	Australia	29years	male	MPNSTof the tongue M LIGNANT PERIPHE RAL NERVE SHEATH TUMOUR OF THE TONGUE	8.5×5 ×6 cm	12 months	a rightsided painless tongue mass which had slowly grown over the previous 12 months. He had no other symptoms	Radiother apysurger y	1year	tumours are strongly and diffusely positive for S-100 protein
Anace ´lia Mendes F ernandes, et al. 2005 [36]	Brazil	37 year	male	MPNST of the tongue	2 × 2 cm	5months	complaini ng of swelling in the tongue with an evolution of one week. The intraoral	surgery	seventeen months	Immunohi stochemic al reactions were performed with strep tavidine-b iotin protocol.



							physical exam showed a painful, ulcerated, exophitic			The neoplasic cells were S-100 positive Ki-67 showed to be positive in a few cells
Zhongmin Che,,et al. 2006 [37]	Korea	10 year	female	in the Jaws	3×3×3cm	3months	Facial disf igurement due to the bulging of the right lower face was also noted. A physical e xaminatio n revealed multiple c afe-au-lait spots in her neck, back, and axilla	After an incisional biopsy, surgical e nucleation sof the ma ndibular and maxillary lesion via intraorala pproach were performed	2year	immunost aining for S-100 protein was negative on the follicle stroma.
M. M. Elias,et al. 2007 [38]	india	41year	female	Malignant schwanno ma of the paraphary ngeal space in von Reckli nghausen' s disease	4×3×3cm	2months	with a massive malignant schwanno ma in the paraphary ngeal space	surgery	1 year	Immunohi stochemic al studies showed positive staining of tumour cells for vimentin and focally for S-100 protein
Hiroshi Ya mazaki,et al. 2005 [39]	Japan	24year	male	tongue	30 × 15 mm	about 3 weeks	painless swelling in the left side of the tongue	Biopsy.Pa rtial gloss ectomy was performed under general anesthesi a	2year	The tumor cells were S-100-neg ative, SMA- negative, and focally type IV co llagen- positive. Strong im munoreac tivity for EMA was demonstr ated by many of the tumor cells
Kanemits u Siiirasuna , et al. 1986 [40]	Japan	76year	female	Malignant schwanno ma of the mandible	5.0 ×3.3 × 4.5 cm	3 months	a painless swelling on the mandible of	partial res ectionof the mandible was performed under general anesthesi	12months	the cells were signi ficantly positive for S-IOO protein. In termediat e sized filaments,



								a following t racheoto my. The surgical wound healed without evidence		including keratin, vi rnentin,an d desmin were not detected in the tumor.
Shyama Prem Sa,,et al. 2011 [41]	India	43year	female	Mandible	8 × 5 cm	3 months	swelling	A postope rative wound infection with MRSA was treated su ccessfully with a twenty one day course of vancomyci n. Surgery RT	12months	immune- h istochemi stry, the tissue was strongly and diffusely positive for Vimentin, S100 and Neuron- specific enolase and negative for Cytoke ratin, Factor V111 and CD34
T. Sabesan ,et al. 2008 [42]	UK	38year	female	tumour of theparaph aryngeal space in a patient with neur ofibromat osis type 1	7×2 cm	sixmonth	a graduall y-enlargin gright- sided neck mass and a thre e-week history of husky voice, dysphagia , and breathing difficulty.	Shewas treated with adjuvant r adiothera py.	3year	staining for vimentin and GFAP was present. The tumour failed to stain for smooth muscle actin, desmin, S100, CD34 or HMB45.
Salehineja d et al2013 [43]	Iran	24year	man	maxilla	3×2×1cm	3months	Facial disf igurement due to the bulgingof the right lower face was also noted. A physical e xaminatio n revealed multiple c afe-au-lait spots in her neck, back, and axilla	After an incisional biopsy, surgical e nucleation s of the m andibular and maxillary lesion via intraorala pproach were performed	2year	immunost aining for S-100 protein was negative on the follicle stroma.

 Table 1. New Researches Base on RAS and BRAF in MPNST.



#### Limitations

In the review of the literature, some studies lacked the key information regarding the reported cases, diagnostic methods, and proposed interventions. Therefore, many studies were excluded due to the lack of plausibility of case presentations or accurate and sufficient data. Furthermore, reporting of the included studies could not be performed based on the CARE statement for the same reason.

In conclusion, according to the results of this study, OMPNST is very rare in patients without NF1 syndrome. Considering OMPNST is without severe pain and paresthesia in some of cases and this malignant neoplasm can mimic of any benign tumor therefore dentists should be careful in the final diagnosis and treatment. Depending on the histopathological nature and extent of the lesion, surgical procedures are normally performed on patients with OMPNST. Evaluation of differential diagnoses of MPNST is importance since these lesions might be indistinguishable from other malignant tumors. In conclusion, histopathological examinations and immunohistochemical analysis are essential to the accurate diagnosis of MPNST. As for the treatment of these lesions, surgical excision of the tumor. Radiotherapy and chemotherapy is considered effective.

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