

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 extremely 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 schwannoma, 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 fibrosarcoma [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,

23, 24].

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 recurrence 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 qualitative 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, 34articles 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 Tongue, 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 location [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 soft tissue the lesion presents as firm elevation with indistinct margins and ulceration of the mucosa may or may not 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 locations of the body. Oral MPNST most frequently appears 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 with OMPNST is variable [30, 32, 33]. Furthermore, findings of the current review indicated that the 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 this 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 rapid 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 week and 45 months. As such, reported cases by K.W. Grditz, et al. had the longest duration (45 months) compared to other studies [19]. The most diameter of the tumors was reported to be 9 cm in the study by Soumyajiet al. and 7 cm × 6 cm × 4 cm in the study by Ozmen et al [8-9].

Location and complications of OMPNST

OMPNST can originate 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 occurs in the gingival area in this regard, M.B. Guglielmotti, et al. reported a case of MPNST in gingiva with painless swelling in a 18-year

-old which was the first reported case of OMPNST on the gingiva [22]. Some of the cases of intraosseous OMPNST imitate inflammatory periapical lesions with radiographic 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 were verified in the literature. Moreover, 90% cases had discomfort associated with the swelling of the 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 sarcomas. 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 of some 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 an encapsulated tumor consisting of a fascicular pattern in hypo and hyper cellular areas with proliferation of atypical spindle cells with bizarre and wavy or comma-shaped hyperchromatic to vesicular nuclei and elongated eosinophilic cytoplasm. In most cases, necrosis, hemorrhage and mitotic activity are frequent. One of the methods to diagnosis and detection of OMPNST is electron microscopic examination that includes elongated cells with intertwining 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 to reveal 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 beneficial in cases of metastasis and recurrent disease [29, 30-33].

MRI is the 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 remains 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 remains 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 on 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 reason NF1 patient must be monitored for malignant 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 compared with patients with MPNST in the extremities [17].

Recently, new researches show targeted therapies originated from 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 benign schwannomas in other regions. Surgical excision is considered the first-line treatment for these lesions with preservation of the neighboring structures (Table 1).

Authors/ Publication Year (Reference)	Country	Age	Gender	Location of Schwannoma	Size	Duration of Disease	Reported Complications	Type of Treatment	Follow-up	Diagnostic modalities (histopathology)
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Monika Probst et 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 numbness, pain, and mild swelling	Radical surgical management is the treatment of choice	1year	The latter especially exhibited an inhomogeneous expression of S-100, which can be found in nerve sheath tumors but also in malignant melanomas. Analysis for CD45, CKpan, HMB45, melan-A, and tyrosinase as well as for BRAF mutation was negative.
Soumyajit Roy MD, et al. 2017 [2]	India	30year	male	MPNST of the tongue	9- 10 cm	24 months	hypoglossal nerve palsy (the tongue was deviated to right side and fasciculation was noted over the right half of the tongue)	He underwent surgery followed by adjuvant chemotherapy with ifosfamide and epirubicin		Incisional biopsy showed a malignant spindle cell tumor in the sub-epithelial connective tissue. The tumor cells were immune-positive for S-100
José Alcides Arruda, et al. 2016 [3]	Brazil	16year	female	peripheral nerve sheath tumor 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 chemotherapy.	years 9	positive for S-100 protein and glial fibrillary acidic protein showed that the lesion was an intraosseous malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor of the maxilla. malignant neoplasm fragments consisting of

										fusiform cells with comma-shaped nuclei
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	Immunohistochemical (IHC) studies were conducted to confirm the neural origin by S-100 and Neuron Specific 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 Mucosa.MPNST	2×1 cm	4 months	painful swelling	SurgeryRadiotherapy Chemotherapy	4 years	Immunohistochemical analysis of tumor cells revealed positivity for S-100 protein, CD56, CD34, and neuron-specific enolase but was negative for neurofilament 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 naesthesia. 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 components expressing vimentin and S-100. Its features reveal a fusiform globoid mass with necrosis, pseudocystic change, or hemorrhage
W. V. B. S. Ramalingam, MS et al. 2012 [9]	India	22year	male	MPNSTMalignant Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor of the Oral Cavity	6×7cm	2Months	a painless swelling on the right undersurface of tongue and diffuse swelling in the right submandibular. mild difficulty in swallowing, with no complaints of difficulty in breathing or a change in voice	surgery and was treated with 6 cycles of chemotherapy with gemcitabine and docetaxel as a palliative measure.	3 month	Indirect laryngoscopy showed a smooth swelling in the right base of the tongue and vallecula pushing the epiglottis posteriorly. tomographic (CT) scan showed a large, soft tissue density mass in the oropharynx. Immunohistochemistry of the specimen was positive for S100, vimentin and negative for creatine kinase, Epithelial Membrane 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	complaining of swelling in the tongue	The patient underwent hemiglossectomy.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 neurogenic origin of this tumor.
Venkatesh G.Naikmasur, MDS, et al. 2009 [11]	India	28year	female	anterior mandible	8×10cm	1month	swelling in the anterior mandibular	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 microscopy showed a highly cellular neoplastic tissue composed of large compactly arranged spindle and fusiform-shaped cells. The tumor was focally reactive to S-100. Immunohistochemistry is useful in confirming neural differentiation. 10 S-100 immunoreactivity is seen in 50%-90% of MPNSTs
Hemalatha AL et al 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	Histopathological examination of the excised mass showed features of spindle cell sarcoma following which a pr

										ovisional diagnosis of MPNST was offered. Immunohistochemistry 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. Internorally, the swelling extended buccally and palatally from premolar to tuberosity region. Swelling was fixed and firm to hard in consistency.	Surgery.	8months	histologic al features were suggestive of malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor of the maxilla.
Jacqueline A. James et al. 2003 [14]	Manchester, United Kingdom	25year	female	MPNST Low-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, painless swelling in the premolar region of the left maxillary vestibule.	surgery	5months	Immunohistochemistry demonstrated diffuse positivity of the spindle cells for S100 protein. The large pleomorphic cells showed weak positivity for -sarcomeric actin and myoglobin. The same cells were variably but strongly positive for desmin
Marianne Dcerbo, et al 1992 [18]	American	13year	female	Malignant Schwannoma of the Palate:	1.5cm	3months	with a chief complaint of a sore in	Surgery and radiotherapy.	7Years	been shown to be positive

							the roof of her mouth			for the S-100 marker, fibrosarcoma, leiomyosarcoma, and sarcomatoid undifferentiated carcinoma do not contain this protein
M.ohnishi et al 1992 [19]	Japan	8year	male	Extensive malignant schwannoma of the mandibular nerve	2×3×1 cm	a few days	with limited upward movement of hisupper left eyelid	SurgeryChemotherapy	Years5	The radiographs showed an expanded mandibular canal and expanded foramen ovale Immunoperoxidase staining for the neural crest marker S-100 protein was positive, whereas NSE was negative. The tumor was diagnosed as malignant schwannoma.
Skorek A et al. 2000 [20]	korea	12year	female	Malignant parotid salivary gland peripheral nerve sheath tumour in a	2×2×1 cm	1months	painless swelling	Chemotherapy	2year	Immunohistochemical studies showed positive staining of tumour cells for vimentin and focally for S-100 protein.
K. W. Grdtz, et al. 1991 [21]	Switzerland	62year	male	Malignant melanotic schwannoma of the oral cavity	4×3 cm	3 yearsand 9 months	The right submandibular lymph nodes were enlarged on	surgery The patient died 2 months later.	1year	Iron stains for hemosiderin and alcian blue and PAS were negative.



							palpation. There were no sensory deficits. to feel weak and complained about constipation			There was only focal but intense nuclear cytoplasmic reactivity of tumor cells (pigmented and not pigmented) for S-100 protein. This was particularly marked in the "low-grade" parts of the neoplasm. Staining for vimentin was not very strong but diffusely positive
Kardos TB et al. 1990 [22]	New Zealand	32years		aggressive, 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	Immunohistochemical studies showed positive staining of tumour cells for vimentin and focally for S-100 protein
J. C. SHOTTON, et al 1988 [23]	BritishAsian woman,	26years	female	The malignant Triton tumour maxilla	6×4cm	3months	pain in that area	RadiotherapyChemotherapySurgery	1year	Immunocytochemistry was also used to confirm coexistent neural and muscular tissue. An S100 test which is used to confirm the presence of neural or neural crest origin protein was positive



										and a stain for desmin, a muscle protein
M. B. Guglielmotti, et al 1987 [25]	Argentina	18years	male	Malignant schwannoma of the gingiva	2×1.6cm	6months	painless swelling	Surgery under local anesthesia	2years	The tumoral mass was highly cellular, comprising plump spindle-shaped cells usually with elongated cytoplasmatic processes, with nuclear hyperchromatism, pleomorphism and a large number of mitosis. The final histologic diagnosis was malignant peripheral neurogenic tumor.
Kanemitsu Siiirasuna, et al. 1986 [26]	Japan	76years	female	in the mandible extending from the left 2nd molar to the right premolar region	5.0 × 3.3 × 4.5cm	3months	painless swelling on the mandible	treatment, the patient was observed periodically. The surgical wound healed without evidence of residual lesion in the area of excision 12 months after the operation.	8months	radiographic findings, a provisional diagnosis of odontogenic tumor was made. the cells were significantly positive for S-100 protein. Intermediate sized filaments, including keratin, vimentin, and desmin were not detected in the tumor immunohistochemical
Hammond HL1969	United States	58years	female	Malignant peripheral	4×3×7cm	8months	pain in the right	thyroidectomy was	2weeks	The overlying

[32]				nerve sheath tumors of the oral cavity			shoulder, a biopsy of a mass in the right scapular area cough, low grade fever, and pharyngitis	performed Treatment with radioactive Iodine treated with cobalt-60 irradiation The discharge diagnoses were (1) metastatic malignant schwannoma and (2) metastatic follicular carcinoma of the thyroid.		epithelium exhibited some hyperkeratosis, spongiosis, and moderate irregularity and hyperplasia of the basal-cell layer Reticulum stains (Wilder's) revealed a pattern of nodular and fascicle-like formations which, on cross section, somewhat simulated the appearance of nerve fasciculi. The reticulum fibers in some areas were arranged in a parallel fashion; in others, they surrounded individual cells or cell clusters
Shun-Ichi Imamura et al. 2002 [34]	JAPAN	64 year	male	in his right subauricular space. tumor was a parotid gland neoplasm invading the parapharyngeal space.	4×5cm	2 weeks	first noticed rapid swelling and pain in his right. right facial palsy	a combination of chemotherapy and a total radiation was given instead of surgical treatment	Three months the patient died	Immunohistochemical staining for vimentin showed strong intracytoplasmic staining of the tumor cells. Nerve cell adhesion molecule was moderately positive in many tumor cells. Immunostaining for

										Leu7, CD68, and epithelial membrane antigen was partially positive in the tumor cells. Only very weak . No staining was noted for desmin, cytokeratin cocktail CK22, S-100 protein, glial fibrillary acidic protein, or CD34. Strong expression 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 PERIPHERAL 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 .	Radiotherapy surgery	1year	tumours are strongly and diffusely positive for S-100 protein
Anacelia Mendes Fernandes, et al. 2005 [36]	Brazil	37 year	male	MPNST of the tongue	2 × 2 cm	5months	complaining of swelling in the tongue with an evolution of one week. The intraoral	surgery	seventeen months	Immunohistochemical reactions were performed with streptavidin-biotin protocol.



							physical exam showed a painful, ulcerated, exophytic			The neoplastic 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 disfigurement due to the bulging of the right lower face was also noted. A physical examination revealed multiple café-au-lait spots in her neck, back, and axilla	After an incisional biopsy, surgical excision of the mandibular and maxillary lesion via intraoral approach were performed	2year	immunostaining for S-100 protein was negative on the follicle stroma.
M. M. Elias,et al. 2007 [38]	india	41year	female	Malignant schwannoma of the parapharyngeal space in von Recklinghausen's disease	4×3×3cm	2months	with a massive malignant schwannoma in the parapharyngeal space	surgery	1 year	Immunohistochemical studies showed positive staining of tumour cells for vimentin and focally for S-100 protein
Hiroshi Yamazaki,et al. 2005 [39]	Japan	24year	male	tongue	30 × 15 mm	about 3 weeks	painless swelling in the left side of the tongue	Biopsy. Partial glossectomy was performed under general anesthesia	2year	The tumor cells were S-100-negative, SMA-negative, and focally type IV collagen-positive. Strong immunoreactivity for EMA was demonstrated by many of the tumor cells
Kanemitsu Siiirasuna , et al. 1986 [40]	Japan	76year	female	Malignant schwannoma of the mandible	5.0 ×3.3 × 4.5 cm	3 months	a painless swelling on the mandible of	partial resection of the mandible was performed under general anesthesia	12months	the cells were significantly positive for S-100 protein. In intermediate sized filaments,

								a following tracheotomy. The surgical wound healed without evidence		including keratin, vimentin, and 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 postoperative wound infection with MRSA was treated successfully with a twenty one day course of vancomycin. Surgery RT	12months	immunohistochemistry, the tissue was strongly and diffusely positive for Vimentin, S100 and Neuron-specific enolase and negative for Cytokeratin, Factor V111 and CD34..
T. Sabesan, et al. 2008 [42]	UK	38year	female	tumour of the parapharyngeal space in a patient with neurofibromatosis type 1	7×2 cm	sixmonth	a gradually-enlarging right-sided neck mass and a three-week history of husky voice, dysphagia, and breathing difficulty.	She was treated with adjuvant radiotherapy.	3year	staining for vimentin and GFAP was present. The tumour failed to stain for smooth muscle actin, desmin, S100, CD34 or HMB45.
Salehinejad et al 2013 [43]	Iran	24year	man	maxilla	3×2×1cm	3months	Facial disfigurement due to the bulging of the right lower face was also noted. A physical examination revealed multiple café-au-lait spots in her neck, back, and axilla	After an incisional biopsy, surgical enucleation of the mandibular and maxillary lesion via intraoral approach were performed	2year	immunostaining 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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