

Primary Plasmacytoma of the Thyroid

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Primary plasmacytoma of the thyroid gland is a rare disease which is known to comprise only about 0.3% of all thyroid malignancies, resulting in its clinicopathologic features remaining incompletely understood. Clinical manifestations of plasmacytoma of the thyroid, such as painless, non-tender, and non-toxic goitrous enlargement, are similar to those of other thyroid malignancies. Plasmacytoma of the thyroid can be diagnosed finally after ruling out all the other systemic diseases. Here, we report a case of a 49-year-old female patient with primary plasmacytoma of the thyroid, who had been suffering from anterior neck swelling in the thyroid region for 10 months. She had undergone total thyroidectomy under the diagnosis of an adenomatous goiter. However, pathologic report revealed plasmacytoma of the thyroid associated with Hashimoto thyroiditis. Intracytoplasmic monoclonal immunoglobulin (IgG) was demonstrated in tissue sections. Postoperative roentgenographic skeletal survey and bone marrow examination results were normal. We present a case of primary plasmacytoma of the thyroid along with a brief review of the literature. (*J Korean Surg Soc* 2002;63:252-255)

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ng/dl, Ig M 435.0 ng/dl, Ig A 302.0 ng/dl Ig D 4.85 ng/dl, 2-microglobulin 893.42 μg/dl, Bence-Jones protein

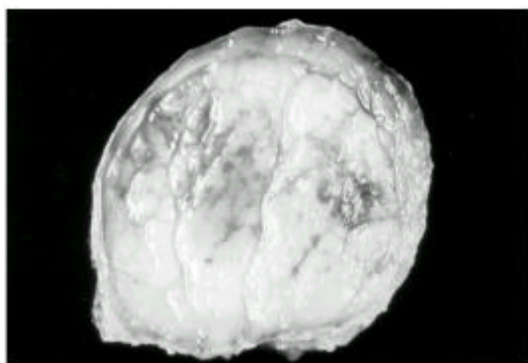


Fig. 1. Gross pathologic findings. A 5×4×4 cm, relatively well-circumscribed, solid mass was present. The cut surface revealed yellowish and multilobulated. The evidence of multiple focal hemorrhages were also noted.

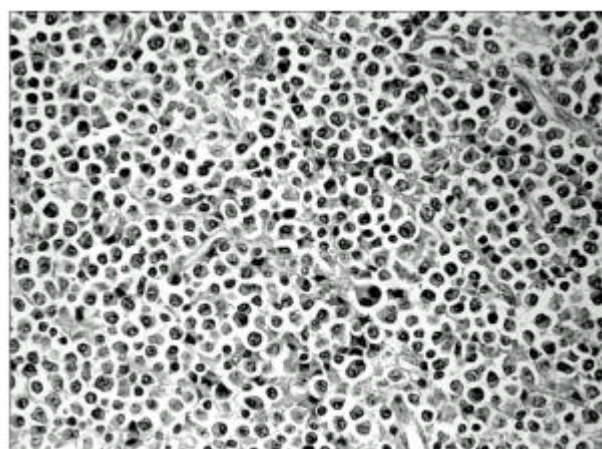


Fig. 2. Microscopic findings. The tumor cells showed relatively normal-appearing plasma cells or a number of cytologic variants, including plasmablasts, having less condensed nuclear chromatin and prominent single nucleolus. Bizarre multinucleated cells were also noted (H&E stain, × 100).

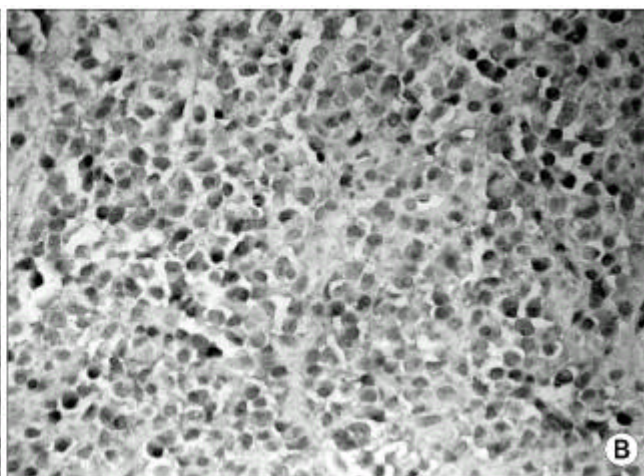
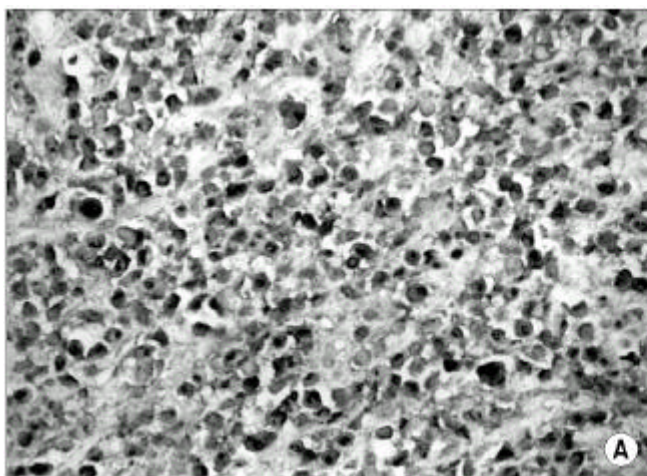


Fig. 3. Immunohistologic findings. A. Numerous plasmacytic cells were stained positive for anti-human Lambda chain. B. Positively stained cells for immunoglobulin G.

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