

Collision tumor of the thyroid gland a case report

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Introduction:

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collision tumor is the presence of two histopathologically distinct tumors in the same anatomical site. It is a rare pathology of the thyroid gland that makes diagnosis and treatment challenging. This is a case report of a collision tumor of the thyroid gland.

Case report:

A 55-year-old female presented post near total thyroidectomy for multi nodular goiter; her thyroid function test was within normal range.

Histopathology:

Macroscopically:

Right lobe is gray—brown in color, firm, and measuring 5.5*4*2.5 cm, with 2 well circumscribed nodules gray-brown in color the largest measuring 2.1*2 cm.

The left lobe gray brown in color measuring 3.5*2.5*0.5 cm with a well circumscribed nodule measuring 0.5*0.5 cm.

Microscopically:

The right lobe showing two nodules the largest (2 cm) encapsulated showing micro follicular arrangement, myxoid changes, areas of hemorrhage and cystic changes. The capsule showing foci of vascular invasion with CD 34 expression, the other nodule measuring 7 mm showing follicular and focal papillary configuration, optic clear overlapping nuclei, nuclear grooving, surrounded by a capsule, with cells seen outside the capsule, CK19 +ve.

The left lobe showing microscopic nodule measuring 5 mm showing papillary type nuclear features.

Picture consistent with multifocal micropapillary thyroid carcinoma with minimally invasive follicular thyroid carcinoma.

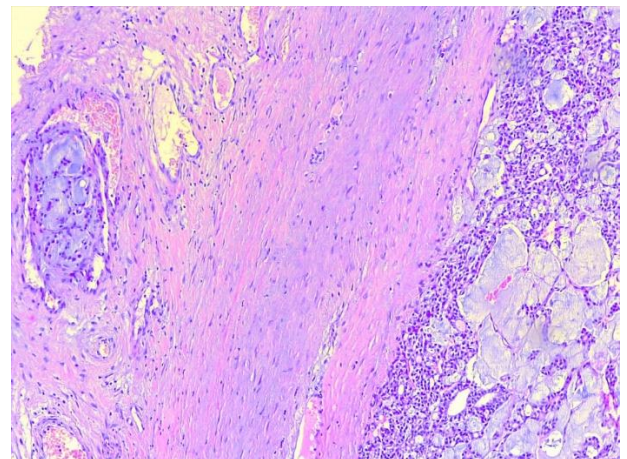


Figure 1 showing microfollicular arrangement with angioinvasion.

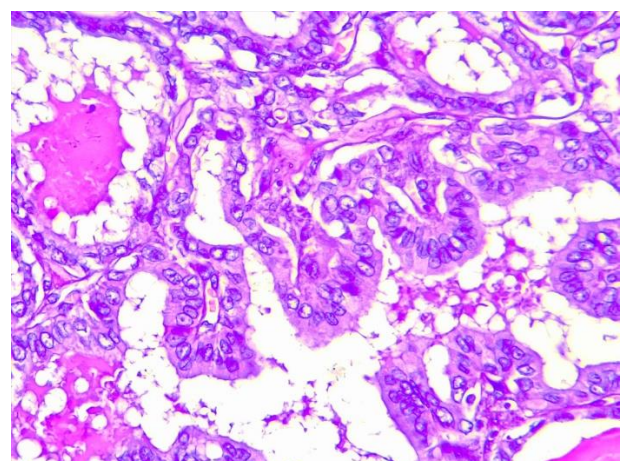


Figure 2 focal papillary configurations, optic clear, overlapping nuclei, nuclear grooving.

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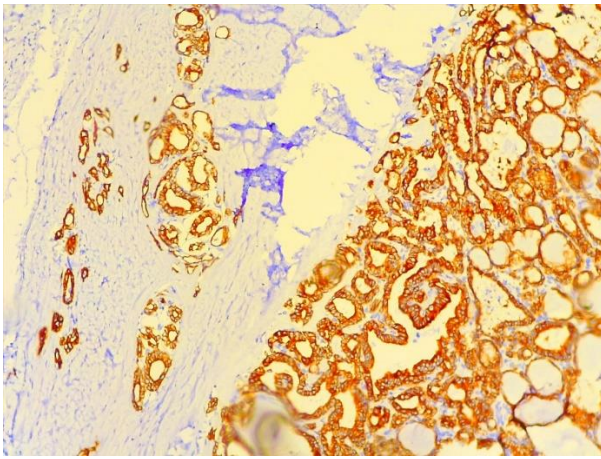


Figure 3 CD 19 +ve

Discussion:

Papillary thyroid cancer is the first most common thyroid cancer (around 60-65%) (1), followed by follicular thyroid cancer, around 15% of all thyroid cancer. While papillary thyroid cancer tends to metastasize lymphatically, follicular tends to hematologically metastasize (2). The presence of both tumors increased the risk of both lymphatic and hematogenous metastases for the patient. Collision tumors can occur in various organs such as the ovaries, colon, lung, stomach, skin, and kidneys but are extremely rare in the thyroid (3). The most common type described is the presence of mixed histology consisting of papillary and medullary carcinomas (4). Management of collision tumor should be managed by a multidisciplinary team setting and should be patient specific. Generally, the most aggressive tumor should guide the treatment (5).

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