

1.6 CM ADRENAL INCIDENTALOMA

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Endorama

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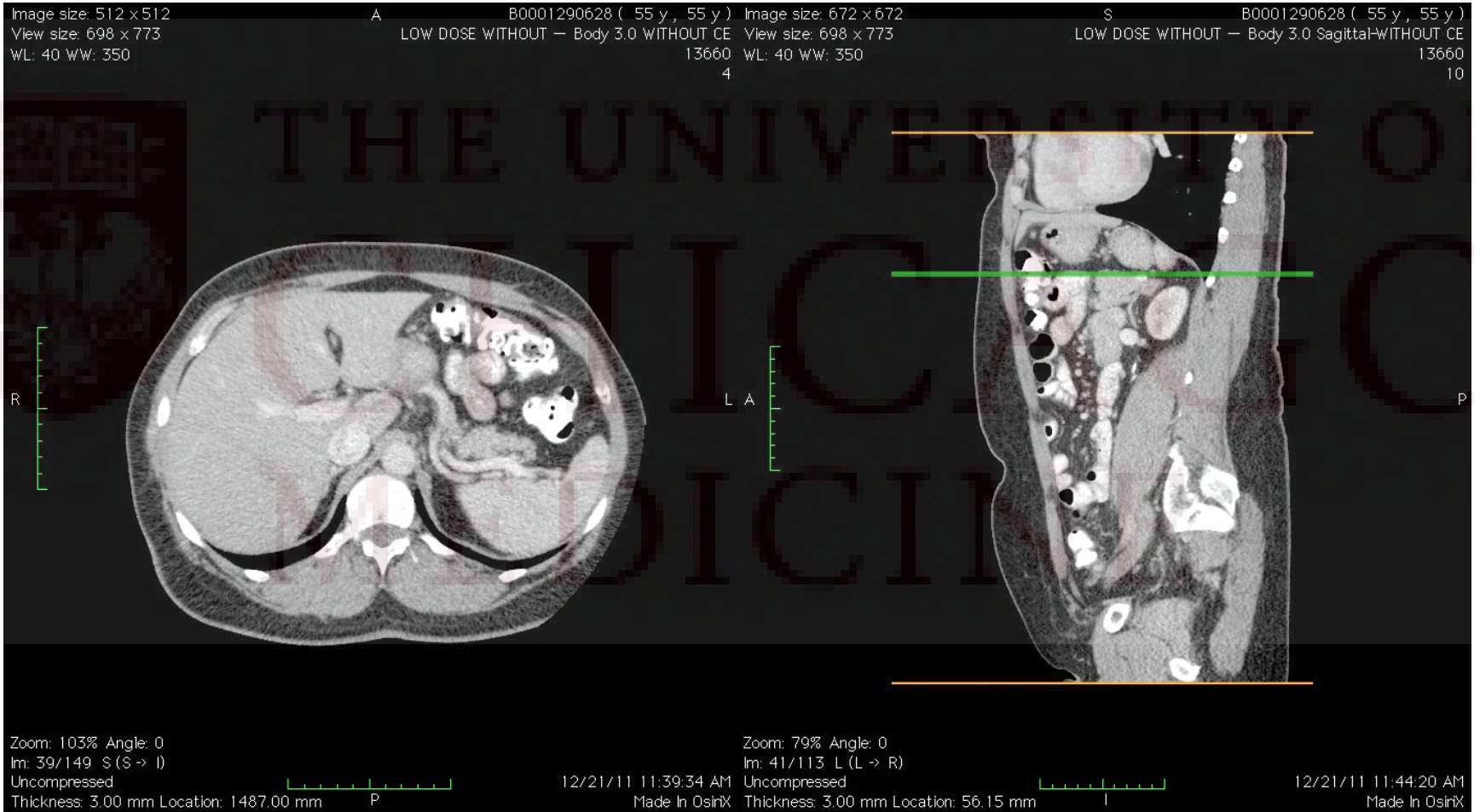
PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

- 55 yo female
- PMH: Mitral and Tricuspid Regurg
- PSH: Hysterectomy, Knee surgery
- FH: Brother RCC, Second brother Thyroid CA (thymus irradiation)
- Meds: xanax prn

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

- Mid-epigastric pain
- Palpitations, anxiety, hot flashes, sweating
 - Symptoms started after stopping menopausal HRT
- No HA, no paroxysmal HTN
- 30 pound weight loss, intentional over 1 year
- W/U for epigastric pain eventually led to CT of abdomen
- 1.6 cm Left adrenal incidentaloma

CT OF ABDOMEN



IMAGING RESULTS

- CT - 1.6 cm adrenal nodule
 - precontrast HU 30
 - contrast HU 50
 - no washout phase
- MRI – 1.9x 1.8x 1.7 cm adrenal nodule
 - So signal dropout on opposed phase

ADRENAL IMAGING

Table 3. Characteristics of Adrenal Incidentalomas on Imaging (Imaging Phenotype).*

Variable	Adrenocortical Adenoma	Adrenocortical Carcinoma	Pheochromocytoma	Metastasis
Size	Small, usually ≤ 3 cm in diameter	Large, usually > 4 cm in diameter	Large, usually > 3 cm in diameter	Variable, frequently < 3 cm
Shape	Round or oval, with smooth margins	Irregular, with unclear margins	Round or oval, with clear margins	Oval or irregular, with unclear margins
Texture	Homogeneous	Heterogeneous, with mixed densities	Heterogeneous, with cystic areas	Heterogeneous, with mixed densities
Laterality	Usually solitary, unilateral	Usually solitary, unilateral	Usually solitary, unilateral	Often bilateral
Attenuation (density) on unenhanced CT	≤ 10 Hounsfield units	> 10 Hounsfield units (usually > 25)	> 10 Hounsfield units (usually > 25)	> 10 Hounsfield units (usually > 25)
Vascularity on contrast-enhanced CT	Not highly vascular	Usually vascular	Usually vascular	Usually vascular
Rapidity of washout of contrast medium	$\geq 50\%$ at 10 minutes	$< 50\%$ at 10 minutes	$< 50\%$ at 10 minutes	$< 50\%$ at 10 minutes
Appearance on MRI†	Isointense in relation to liver on T ₂ -weighted image	Hyperintense in relation to liver on T ₂ -weighted image	Markedly hyperintense in relation to liver on T ₂ -weighted image	Hyperintense in relation to liver on T ₂ -weighted image
Necrosis, hemorrhage, or calcifications	Rare	Common	Hemorrhage and cystic areas common	Occasional hemorrhage and cystic areas
Growth rate	Usually stable over time or very slow (< 1 cm per year)	Usually rapid (> 2 cm per year)	Usually slow (0.5 cm to 1.0 cm per year)	Variable, slow to rapid

* Adrenal hemorrhage and myelolipoma are usually easily characterized because of their distinctive imaging characteristics.^{24,25} Myelolipomas are composed of myeloid, erythroid, and adipose tissue. On imaging, they have low attenuation on unenhanced CT, and they are hyperintense on T₁-weighted in-phase MRI. The presence of pure fat within an adrenal lesion on CT is consistent with the presence of a myelolipoma. Acute adrenal hemorrhage has increased attenuation on unenhanced CT, and on T₁-weighted MRI, there is hyperintensity secondary to methemoglobin. In a chronic adrenal hemorrhage, a dark rim develops along the periphery of the mass on the T₂-weighted image because of the hemosiderin-laden macrophages.

† If the imaging characteristics are indeterminate on both unenhanced and enhanced CT, MRI may be considered to clarify the imaging phenotype.

LABORATORY DATA

- Aldosterone: <4
- Renin: <0.6
- Cortisol: 6.9
- Serum Metanephrine: 0.57 (<0.90)
- Serum Normetanephrine: <0.20 (<0.50)

HOSPITAL COURSE

- Left laparoscopic adrenalectomy
- Well encapsulated adrenal nodule in superior portion of gland
- No local invasion
- D/C home POD #1

FINAL PATH

- 2.5 cm Myxoid Adrenocortical Tumor
- Weiss score: 3
 - High nuclear grade (grade III)
 - Capsular invasion
 - <25% clear cells

THE WEISS SYSTEM

Table 1 The Weiss system

Histological criteria	Weight of criteria	
	0	1
Nuclear grade ^a	1 and 2	3 and 4
Mitoses	≤5 for 50 fields ×400	≥6 for 50 fields ×400
Atypical mitoses	No	Yes
Clear cells	>25%	≤25%
Diffuse architecture	≤33% surface	>33% surface
Confluent necrosis	No	Yes
Venous invasion	No	Yes
Sinusoidal invasion	No	Yes
Capsular infiltration	No	Yes

The presence of three or more criteria highly correlates with malignancy [46]

ACC STAGING

CLINICAL Extent of disease before any treatment	STAGE CATEGORY DEFINITIONS			PATHOLOGIC Extent of disease during and from surgery			
<input type="checkbox"/> y clinical – staging completed after neoadjuvant therapy but before subsequent surgery	TUMOR SIZE : _____		LATERALITY: <input type="checkbox"/> left <input type="checkbox"/> right <input type="checkbox"/> bilateral	<input type="checkbox"/> y pathologic – staging complete after neoadjuvant therapy AND subsequent surgery			
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<input type="checkbox"/> M0 <input type="checkbox"/> M1	DISTANT METASTASIS (M) M0 No distant metastasis (no pathologic M0; use clinical M to complete stage group) M1 Distant metastasis			<input type="checkbox"/> M1			
ANATOMIC STAGE - PROGNOSTIC GROUPS							
	CLINICAL			PATHOLOGIC			
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	T4	N0	M0		T4	N0	M0
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MYXOID ACC

Myxoid Adrenal Cortical Carcinoma Presenting as Primary Hyperaldosteronism : Case Report and Review of the Literature

Min-Shu Hsieh, Jun-Herng Chen and Long-Wei Lin
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Adrenocortical Tumors With Myxoid Features: A Distinct Morphologic and Phenotypical Variant Exhibiting Malignant Behavior

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- Roughly 30 cases reported in the literature
- Previously smallest size was 5 cm
- Weiss score seems to be less relevant
- More aggressive than typical ACC

FOLLOW UP?

- CT
 - 6 mos then yearly for 5 years?
- PET ?
- Labs ?
- Mitotane ?