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## Significant spontaneous hemorrhage associated with primary meningioma of the central nervous system : report of a case and review of the literature.\*

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*Sixty reported cases of spontaneous bleeding primary neuraxial meningiomas (PNMs) including our case are analysed. They were distributed according to the known age of 51 patients in the second to eighth decades of life respectively with the peak occurrence being in 15 patients (or 29.4% of the total) in the fifth decade of life. The average ages were 46, 49, and 48 years for males, females, and both sexes, respectively. The female-to-male ratio was almost equal (i.e. 9:8) for 50 patients in whom the sex was known but was 3:1 at the peak occurrence. The average age of patients with bleeding PNMs was about 6.5 years older than the average age of 290 patients with non-bleeding PNMs who exhibited a female-to-male ratio of 3:2 for the entire series, and 2:1 at the peak occurrence (70%) in patients between the fourth and sixth decades of life.*

*Both bleeding and non-bleeding PNMs frequently occurred on the cerebral convexity (38% each), but the frequency of occurrence in the cerebral ventricle in the former was strikingly higher than in the latter (15.6% VS. 3.5%). Intraspinal meningioma rarely bled. Endothelomatous meningioma was the histologic type that bled most frequently (40%), followed by the angioblastic type (22%), fibroblastic type (18%), transitional type (14%), and others (6%). Subarachnoid hemorrhage was the most frequent type of bleeding (40%) followed by combined types of hemorrhage (32%) and intracerebral (peritumoral) hemorrhage (17%). The prognosis of patients with bleeding PNMs was worse than those with non-bleeding PNMs.*

*Key words : Brain tumor, Meningioma, Hemorrhage*

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ได้บททวนเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิของระบบประสาทส่วนกลาง ที่มีเลือดตกภายในกะโหลกศีรษะหรือในก้อนเนื้อออก 59 ราย ที่มีรายงานในวารสาร พร้อมทั้งได้รายงานผู้ป่วย 1 ราย รวมเป็น 60 ราย พบเนื้อออกกระจายตามทศวรรษที่ 2 ถึงที่ 8 ของอายุผู้ป่วย พบบ่อยที่สุด (29.4%) ที่ทศวรรษที่ 5 อายุเฉลี่ย 46 ปี สำหรับเพศชาย 49 ปี สำหรับเพศหญิง และ 48 ปีสำหรับทั้งสองเพศ อัตราส่วนสำหรับ หญิง:ชาย เท่ากับ 9:8 แต่ในช่วงที่พบเนื้อออกบ่อยที่สุดในทศวรรษที่ 5 ของอายุนั้นพบหญิง:ชาย เท่ากับ 3:1 ได้เปรียบเทียบกับเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิที่ไม่เกิดตกเลือดพบว่าอายุเฉลี่ยของผู้ป่วยที่มีเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิที่เกิดตกเลือดจะสูงกว่าผู้ที่มีเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิที่ไม่ตกเลือดราว 6.5 ปี ผู้ป่วยที่มีเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิที่ไม่ตกเลือดเป็น หญิง:ชาย เท่ากับ 3:2 และจะเป็น 2:1 เมื่อถึงระยะที่พบเนื้อออกบ่อยที่สุด (70%) ระหว่างทศวรรษที่ 4 ถึง 6 ของอายุ

พบเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิที่เกิดตกเลือดและไม่ตกเลือดเกิดบ่อยที่ส่วนโค้งด้านบนของสมอง (38% ในแต่ละกลุ่ม) มีแนวโน้มสูงสำหรับเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิที่เกิดในช่องสมองจะเกิดตกเลือด พบเลือดตกในเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิในโพรงกระดูกสันหลังน้อยมาก จากลักษณะทางจุลพยาธิวิทยาพบเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิชนิดเอนโดธีลิโอมารูปภูมิที่เกิดตกเลือดบ่อยที่สุด (40%) รองลงมาคือชนิดแองจิโอ بلاสติก (22%), ไฟโบร بلاสติก (18%), ทรานสซิชั่นัล (14%) และอื่น ๆ (6%) เลือดตกลงสู่ช่องใต้ชั้นอแรคนอยด์บ่อยที่สุด (40%) รองลงมาคือแบบผสม (32%) และแบบตกเลือดในเนื้อสมองที่สัมพันธ์กับก้อนเนื้อออก (17%) การพยากรณ์โรคของผู้ป่วยที่เกิดตกเลือดพร้อมกับเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิไม่ดีเท่ากับของผู้ป่วยที่มีเมเนจจิโอมารูปภูมิที่ไม่เกิดตกเลือดร่วมด้วย

In some large series of primary neuraxial meningiomas (PNMs, primary meningiomas of the central nervous system), significant spontaneous hemorrhage related to them was not described.<sup>(1-3)</sup> However, sporadic cases of PNM with spontaneous intratumoral, intracerebral (peritumoral), subarachnoid, subdural, or combined hemorrhages have been reported.<sup>(4-48)</sup> We present herein a primary intracranial meningioma with subdural and intratumoral hemorrhages, and review the related medical literature.

### Case report

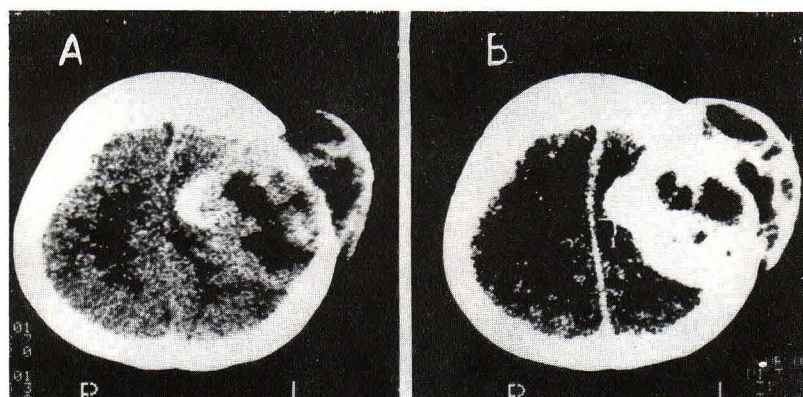
The patient was a 55-year-old diabetic woman who was hospitalized because of a progressively enlarging painless mass occurring at the left parietal region of the scalp over a six-month period; it produced headache and right-sided hemiparesis for four months.

The patient's body temperature was 37.5°, pulse rate 100 beats/min, respiratory rate 22/min,

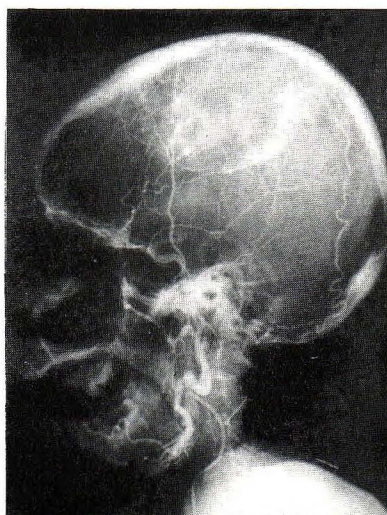
and blood pressure 150/90 mm Hg. Each pupil, 3 mm across, was reactive to light. There was bilateral papilledema, and crepitations in the lungs.

Laboratory data included 15 gm/100 of hemoglobin, 18,500 leucocytes/mm<sup>3</sup> with 93% neutrophils, 6% lymphocytes, and 1% monocytes, 150 to 460 mg/100 ml of fasting blood sugar, and 5 to 15 mg/100 ml of BUN.

A chest X-ray revealed bilateral pulmonary infiltrations interpreted as pneumonia. Sputum culture yielded a heavy growth of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. Plain computerized tomography (CT) scan of the cranium showed a large lesion of inhomogeneous, high and low densities, destruction of the adjacent cranial vault, and extracranial extension of the lesion at the left parietal region (Fig. 1). Selective left external carotid angiography demonstrated that the lesion was fed by branches from the left middle cerebral artery (Fig. 2).



**Figure 1.** A. Plain CT scan of skull and brain shows a large mass with non-homogeneous high and low densities destroying the cranial vault and extending extracranially at the left parietal region. B. Dense enhancement is exhibited at the area of high density of the lesion on enhanced CT scan.



**Figure 2.** Selective left external carotid angiogram demonstrates tumor vessels fed by the middle meningeal artery and abnormal staining.



The pneumonia was clear within two weeks following antibiotic treatment. The patient underwent craniotomy, one month after hospitalization. The lesion invaded through the overlying dura mater and skull, and expanded the scalp. It was separable from the surrounding brain, but was associated with subdural hematoma. The tumor and hematoma were totally removed. The dural defect was grafted with fascia lata. The patient was discharged six weeks after hospitalization. When she was seen one year later, the right-sided hemiparesis was much improved; there was no recurrence of the tumor.

**Pathologic Examination.** A circumscribed, encapsulated, gray, and rubbery neoplasm measured  $10 \times 10 \times 5$  cm and weighed 320 gm. Sections through the mass disclosed multiple hemorrhagic foci; some were old, as characterized by rusty-brown discoloration (Fig. 3). Sections were stained with hematoxylin and eosin (H & E) and by the Gomori method for reticulin fibers. Immunoperoxidase stains for vimentin, cytokeratin, epithelial membrane antigen (EMA), and S-100 protein were also done.

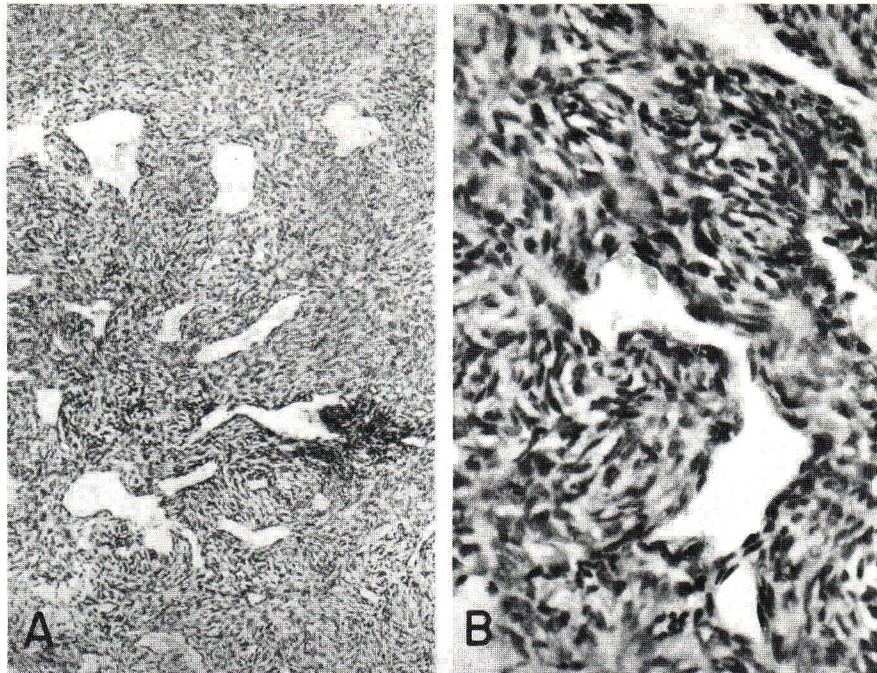


**Figure 3.** Surgical specimen shows an encapsulated and circumscribed tumor with extensive hemorrhage of the cut surfaces.

Microscopically, the hypercellular tumor consisted chiefly of spindle-shaped cells regarded as fibroblasts and numerous thin-walled stromal blood vessels. The neoplastic cells tended to locate perivascularly. The compressed blood vessels frequently became distorted (Fig. 4). A few balls and whorls of the tumor cells were identified as were many

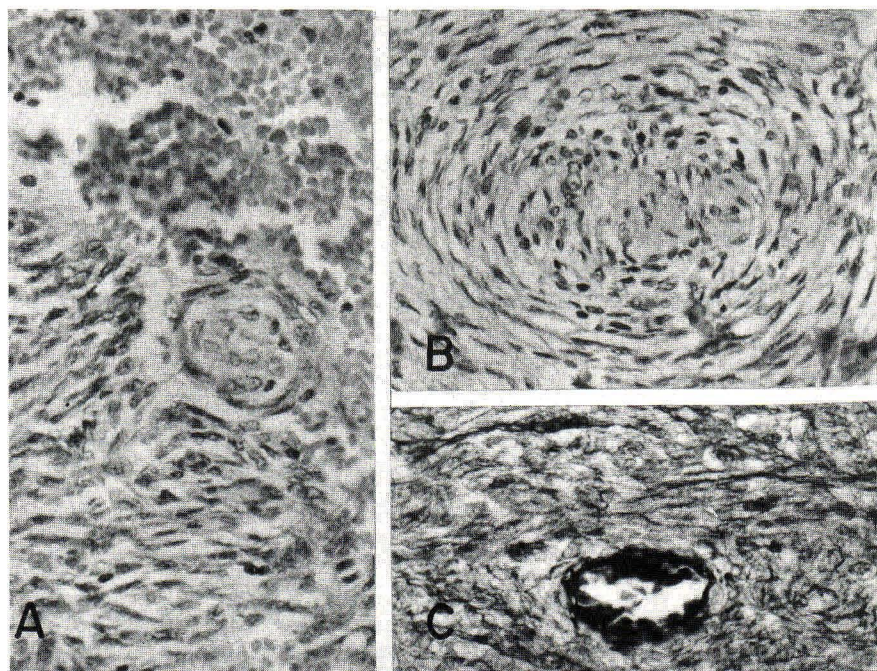
reticulin fibers (Fig. 5). There were few typical mitotic figures. Granules of hemosiderin were scattered in old hemorrhagic zones. Many tumor cells were strongly positive to vimentin. Such positivity was also detected in a few tumor cells that stained for cytokeratin and EMA (Fig. 6). Staining for S-100 protein was negative.





**Figure 4.** Angioblastic meningioma, microscopic features.

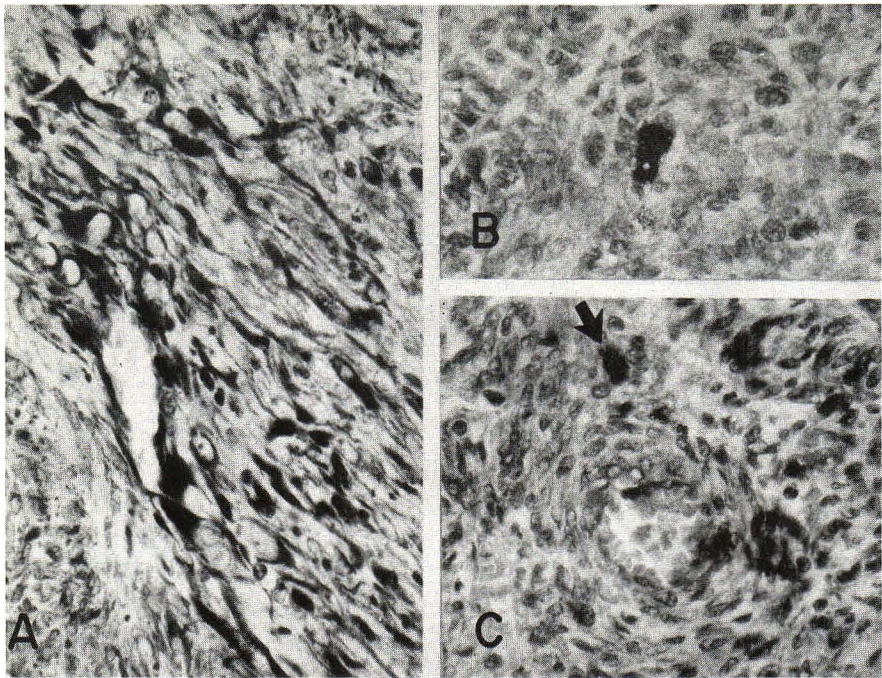
- A. Numerous spindle-shaped cells and small thin-walled blood vessels comprise the tumor. H & E, x 100.
- B. A small blood vessel is distorted owing to compression by spindle-shaped neoplastic cells. H & E, x 400.



**Figure 5.** Angioblastic meningioma, microscopic features.

- A. A focus of recent hemorrhage is rimmed by spindle-shaped tumor cells. Note a cellular ball consisting of central cluster of tumor cells surrounded by spindle-shaped neoplastic cells. H & E, x 400.
- B. A giant whorl of spindle-shaped tumor cells is exhibited. H & E, x 100.
- C. Abundant reticulin fibers are present within the tumor. Gomori's stain, x 400.





**Figure 6.** Angioblastic meningioma, immunohistochemical features (x 400 each).  
A. Vimentin-positive tumor cells are numerous.  
B. A cytokeratin-positive tumor cell is shown.  
C. An arrow points toward an EMA-positive tumor cell.

The pathologic diagnosis was fibroblastic meningioma with angioblastic component (angioblastic meningioma), with old and recent hemorrhages. The diagnosis was based on both morphologic and immunohistochemical features.<sup>(1-3,49-51)</sup>

**Discussion**

In our review of the medical literature, we encountered 60 patients including our own patient with spontaneous bleeding PNM (Table 1). A case described by Walton<sup>(52)</sup> was excluded because the lesion was not confirmed pathologically.

**Table 1.** Summary of Available Reports of Hemorrhage Related to Primary Neuraxial Meningiomas (PNMs).

Case No	Author(s), date & references	Patient's age (yrs) & sex	Location of PNM	Type of hemorrhage	Treatment	Histology of tumors	Patient's outcome
1	Busch (case 3), 1939 <sup>(4)</sup>	17 M	L lateral ventricle	IV (xanthochromic CSF at ventriculography)	Resection	Not specified	Alive
2	Campbell & Whitfield (case 1), 1940 <sup>(5)</sup>	36 F	R lateral ventricle	IV (xanthochromic CSF at ventriculography)	Resection	Fibroblastic (fibrous)	Alive
3	Globus & Sapirstein, 1942 <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	SA	Not stated	Not stated	Unknown
4	Huang & Araki (case 4), 1954 <sup>(7)</sup>	27 F	R lateral ventricle	IV	Resection	Meningothelial	Unknown

**Table 1.** Summary of Available Reports of Hemorrhage Related to Primary Neuraxial Meningiomas (PNMs) (Continued).

Case No	Author(s), date & references	Patient's age (yrs) & sex	Location of PNMs	Type of hemorrhage	Treatment	Histology of tumors	Patient's outcome
5	Moore (case 2), 1954 <sup>(8)</sup>	72 M	Olfactory groove and interhemispheric fissure mainly in L hemisphere	SA at R pre-motor area	None	Fibroblastic	Died
6	Moore (case 6), 1954 <sup>(8)</sup>	66 F	R frontal convexity	IV, SA	None	Hemangioblastic	Died
7	Askenasy & Behmoaram (case 1), 1960 <sup>(9)</sup>	34 F	L lateral ventricle	SA	Resection	Endotheliomatous	Died
8	Askenasy & Behmoaram (case 2), 1960 <sup>(9)</sup>	38 F	L lateral ventricle	SA	Resection	Fibroblastic	Died
9	Horster & Walter, 1961 <sup>(10)</sup>	—	—	Peritumoral	—	Not stated	—
10	Drake & McGee, 1961 <sup>(11)</sup>	—	—	—	—	Not specified	—
11	Therkelsen, 1961 <sup>(12)</sup>	—	Convexity	SD	—	—	—
12	Gassel & Davies (case 3), 1961 <sup>(13)</sup>	15 F	R lateral ventricle	IV	Resection	Not specified	Alive
13	McLaurin & Helmer, 1962 <sup>(14)</sup>	—	—	SA	—	Angioblastic	Not known
14	El-Banhawy & Walter, 1962 <sup>(15)</sup>	20 M	L parietal parasagittal	SA	Resection	Syncytial	Alive
15	Zimmerman, 1963 <sup>(16)</sup>	—	—	IC	—	Angioblastic	Unknown
16	Zimmerman, 1963 <sup>(16)</sup>	—	—	IC	—	Angioblastic	Unknown
17	Goran et al. (case 1), 1965 <sup>(17)</sup>	65 M	R parietal convexity	IC, IT	Evacuation of IC hematoma only	Endotheliomatous	Died
18	Goran et al. (case 2), 1965 <sup>(17)</sup>	68 F	R sphenoid ridge	IT, SA	Resection	Endotheliomatous	Died
19	Goran et al. (case 3), 1965 <sup>(17)</sup>	46 M	Junction of falx & tentorium	IT	None	Endotheliomatous	
20	Goran et al. (case 4), 1965 <sup>(17)</sup>	55 M	R lateral ventricle	IC	Resection	Meningothelial & sarcomatous	Alive
21	Goran et al. (case 5), 1965 <sup>(17)</sup>	42 F	L frontal tip	IT	None	Endotheliomatous	Died
22	Bingas & Meese, 1966 <sup>(18)</sup>	65 F	R parietal	SD	Resection	Syncytial	Alive
23	Bilodeau & Beraud, 1966 <sup>(19)</sup>	46 M	R convexity	IC	Resection	Meningotheliomatous	Died



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Case No	Author(s), date & references	Patient's age (yrs) & sex	Location of PNM	Type of hemorrhage	Treatment	Histology of tumors	Patient's outcome
24	Nassar & Correll, 1968 <sup>(20)</sup>	34 M	Filum terminale	SA	None	Angio-blastic	Died
25	Skultety, 1968 <sup>(21)</sup>	58 M	R sphenoid ridge	IC, IT, SA, SD	Resection	Fibro-blastic	Alive
26	Gruszkiewicz et al. 1969 <sup>(22)</sup>	18 M	R parieto-ccipital	IC, IT, SA	Resection	Fibro-blastic	Alive
27	Flynn & Karpas, 1971 <sup>(23)</sup>	78 F	L occipitoparieto-temporal	IT, SA	None	Fibro-blastic	Died
28	Cusick & Bailey, 1972 <sup>(24)</sup>	47 F	R frontoparieto-occipital	SD	None	Transitional	Died
29	Hung et al. 1972 <sup>(25)</sup>	42 F	L convexity	IT	Resection	Fibro-blastic	Alive
30	Fukumitsu et al. 1973 <sup>(26)</sup>	49 F	Parasagittal	IC	Resection	Meningotheliomatous	Alive
31	Rosenberg et al. (case 1), 1975 <sup>(27)</sup>	44 M	R Meckel's cave (trigeminal cave)	SA	Resection	Angio-blastic	Alive
32	Rosenberg et al. (case 2), 1978 <sup>(27)</sup>	48 F	L Meckel's cave (trigeminal cave)	SA	Resection	Transitional	Alive
33	Smith et al. 1975 <sup>(28)</sup>	14 F	L lateral ventricle	SA	Resection	Fibro-blastic	Alive
34	Modesti et al. (case 1), 1976 <sup>(29)</sup>	59 M	L sphenoid ridge	IC, SA, SD	Resection	Syncytial	Alive
35	Modesti et al. (case 2), 1976 <sup>(29)</sup>	49 F	L parasagittal	IC, SA, SD	Resection	Syncytial	Alive
36	Modesti et al. (case 3), 1976 <sup>(29)</sup>	72 F	L parasagittal	SA, SD	Resection	Angio-blastic	Died
37	Modesti et al. (case 4), 1976 <sup>(29)</sup>	69 M	L parietal	IC, SD	Resection	Syncytial	Alive
38	Yasargil & So (case 1), 1976 <sup>(30)</sup>	50 F	L cerebellopontine angle	IT, SA, SD	Resection	Transitional	Alive
39	Yasargil & So (case 2), 1976 <sup>(30)</sup>	47 F	L cerebellopontine angle	IT, SA	Resection	Not specified	Alive
40	Budny et al. 1977 <sup>(31)</sup>	60 M	R parietal	IC, IT	Resection	Endotheliomatous, malignant	Died
41	Nakao et al. 1977 <sup>(32)</sup>	21 M	R temporal	IC, SA	Resection	Angio-blastic	Alive
42	Ohaegbulam, 1977 <sup>(33)</sup>	40 M	L sphenoid wing	SA	None	Fibro-blastic	Died
43	Walsh et al. 1977 <sup>(34)</sup>	77 F	Subfrontal	IT, SD	Resection	Syncytial	Died

**Table 1.** Summary of Available Reports of Hemorrhage Related to Primary Neuraxial Meningiomas (PNMs) (Continued).

Case No	Author(s), date & references	Patient's age (yrs) & sex	Location of PNM	Type of hemorrhage	Treatment	Histology of tumors	Patient's outcome
44	Everett et al. 1979 <sup>(35)</sup>	65 M	R convexity	IC, IT, IV	Resection	Syncytial	Died
45	Hamer, 1979 <sup>(36)</sup>	36 M	Foramen magnum	ICB, SA	Resection	Endotheliomatous	Died
46	Helle & Conley, 1980 <sup>(37)</sup>	77 M	R parasagittal	IT	Resection	Transitional	Alive
47	Nishijima, 1980 <sup>(38)</sup>	21	Convexity	IC	Resection	Malignant	Unknown
48	Lazaro et al. (case 1), 1981 <sup>(41)</sup>	46 M	R frontal	IC, SA	Resection	Not specified	Died
49	Lazaro et al. (case 2), 1981 <sup>(41)</sup>	59 M	L frontotemporal	SA	Resection	Transitional	Alive
50	Latchaw et al. 1981 <sup>(40)</sup>	46 F	Clivus	SA	Resection	Meningothelial	Alive
51	Kaur et al. 1982 <sup>(41)</sup>	22 M	Middle-third of falx cerebri	IC, SA	Resection	Angioblastic	Alive
52	Pluchino et al. 1983 <sup>(42)</sup>	47 F	L frontotemporal	SA	Resection	Endotheliomatous	Alive
53	Kohli & Crouch, 1984 <sup>(43)</sup>	37 F	L parasagittal	IC	Resection	Meningotheliomatous	Alive
54	Scotti et al. 1987 <sup>(49)</sup>	26 M	Foramen magnum & C <sub>1</sub>	SA	Resection	Papillar & epithelial	Alive
55	*Bloomgarden et al. 1987 <sup>(45)</sup>	65 F	Anterior clinoid process	SA	Resection	Transitional	Alive
56	Tokunaga et al. 1988 <sup>(46)</sup>	61 F	L temporoparietal	SD	Resection	Transitional	Alive
57	Kulali et al. 1989 <sup>(47)</sup>	49 F	Filum terminale	SA	Resection	Angioblastic	Alive
58	Russell & Rubinstein (case 1), 1989 <sup>(48)</sup>	—	—	IC, SD	—	Not specified	Unknown
59	Russell & Rubinstein (case 2), 1989 <sup>(48)</sup>	—	—	IC	—	Not specified	Unknown
60	Shuangshoti et al. (current case)	55 F	L parietal	IT, SD	Resection	Angioblastic	Alive

\*Associated with non-bleeding intracranial aneurysm.

M = male, F = female, R = right, L = left, IV = intraventricular, CSF = cerebrospinal fluid, SA = subarachnoid, SD = subdural, IC = intracerebral, IT = intratumoral, ICB = intracerebellar, C = cervical.



**Age and Sex.** The 51 patients with bleeding PNMs were in the following decades of life : five cases (9.8%) in the second, five cases (9.8%) in the third, seven cases (13.7%) in the fourth, 15 cases (29.4%) in the fifth, six cases (11.8%) in the sixth, eight cases (15.7%) in the seventh, and five cases (9.8%) in the eighth. The youngest patients was a 14-year-old girl. The oldest ones were a 77-year-old male and a 77-year-old female. The average age was 46 years for males, 49 years for females, and 48 years for both sexes. There were 27 females and 23 males (9:8) for 50 patients whose ages were known. At the peak occurrence in the fifth decade (29.4%) however, there were 11 females and four males (3:1).

A series of 290 patients with non-bleeding PNMs showed the following age distribution : 2.1%, 6.7%, 12.6%, 23.9%, 26.7%, 18.9%, 7.0%, and 2.1% in the first through eighth decades, respectively.<sup>(3)</sup> The average age was 39 years for males, 44 years for females, and 42 years for both sexes. Thus, it may be concluded that bleeding PNMs tend to occur in patients about 6.5 years older than patients with non-bleeding PNMs. In the latter group, the female-to-male ratio was 3:2. At the peak occurrence between the fourth and sixth decades (70%), there were 129 females and 67 males, for a ratio of 2:1. Definite

female preponderance thus, was seen in the entire series as well as at the peak occurrence in non-bleeding PNMs. On the other hand, no definite sexual preponderance was perceived in the entire series of bleeding PNMs but at the peak occurrence, there was a preponderance of females three times higher than that of males. Female preponderance, therefore, is similarly perceived in both non-bleeding and bleeding PNMs at the peak occurrence.

**Location.** Table 2 exhibits the location of non-bleeding and bleeding PNMs. The most common site of occurrence was the cerebral convexity (38% each). The cerebral ventricle however, was the second most common site of occurrence of bleeding PNMs (15%), the frequency of which was much more common than that of intraventricular non-bleeding meningiomas (3.5%). It was even more common than of the frequency of PNMs located at the parasagittal region (12% and 11% in non-bleeding and bleeding PNMs). and also more frequent than intraspinal non-bleeding meningiomas (13%). Intraspinal bleeding meningioma is rare (4%). We conclude that both bleeding and non-bleeding PNMs are common at the cerebral convexity and there is a strong tendency for the intraventricular meningiomas to bleed.

**Table 2.** Location of Non-bleeding Primary Neuraxial Meningiomas (PNMs) Compared with Bleeding PNMs.

Location	Non-bleeding PNM*		Bleeding PNM**	
	Number of Cases	%	Number of Cases	%
Convexity	97	38.0	20	37.7
Parasagittal region	30	11.8	6	11.3
Falx	10	3.9	2	3.8
Pineal region	1	0.4	0	0.0
Olfactory groove	12	4.7	2	3.8
Sellar region	12	4.7	1	1.9
Olfactory groove and sellar region	1	0.4	0	0.0
Sphenoid ridge	24	9.4	4	7.5
Optic nerve and chiasm	3	1.2	0	0.0
Cerebral ventricle	9	3.5	8	15.0
Meckel's cave (trigeminal cave)	0	0.0	2	3.8
Tentorium	10	3.9	0	0.0
Junction of falx and tentorium	0	0.0	1	1.9
Posterior cranial fossa	10	3.9	3	5.7
Foramen magnum	0	0.0	1	1.9

**Table 2.** Location of Non-bleeding Neuraxial Meningiomas (PNMs) with Bleeding PNMs (Continued).

Location	Non-bleeding PNM*		Bleeding PNM**	
	Number of Cases	%	Number of Cases	%
Combined foramen magnum and spinal canal	0	0.0	1	1.9
Spinal canal	33	12.9	2	3.8
Multiple sites	2	0.8	0	0.0
Unrecorded sites	35***	—	7***	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b> (+ 35*** = 290)	<b>100.0</b>	<b>53</b> (+ 7*** = 60)	<b>100.0</b>

\* Modified from Shuangshoti and Panyathanya.<sup>(3)</sup>

\*\* Modified from Table 1.

\*\*\* Not included in computing percentage.

**Histologic Type of Bleeding PNMs.** The histologic type of bleeding PNMs. was recorded in 50 patients : 20 endotheliomatous (meningocytic, meningothelial, meningothliomatous, syncytial) tumors (40%); 11 angioblastic (hemangioblastic) neoplasms (22%); nine fibroblastic (fibrous) tumors (18%); seven transitional (mixed meningocytic and fibroblastic tumors (14%); two malignant (sarcomatous) neoplasms (4%); and one papillar (papillary) tumor (2%). Thus, the occurrence of bleeding is most frequent in endotheliomatous meningioma. In our experience, angioblastic meningioma is rarer than the endotheliomatous meningioma, but it ranks here with the second most common histologic type of bleeding PNM. This finding suggests that angioblastic meningioma has a strong tendency to bleed.

**Type and Mechanism of Hemorrhage.** The following types of hemorrhage have been described in relation to 59 bleeding PNMs : 20 subarachnoid (33.9%), 10 intracerebral (peritumoral) (17.0%), four intratumoral (6.8%), four intraventricular (6.8%), two subdural (3.4%), and 19 combined types of hemorrhages (32.2%). Thus, the subarachnoid and combined types of hemorrhage are common (Table 1).

The mechanism of bleeding is unclear. However, it is thought that the usually high vascularity in meningiomas as well as in the vicinity of surrounding brain and meninges may result in angiomatous changes within the tumor and adjacent tissues which are prone to bleed. Spontaneous rupture of tumor vessels has been observed in some bleeding PNMs of both the angioblastic and non-angioblastic types.<sup>(26,29,31,39)</sup>

**Prognosis.** The outcome was recorded in 50 of 60 patients with bleeding PNMs (Table 1). Eight

patients (16%) died without surgical intervention. Eleven patients (22%) received surgical treatment but died. Thirty-one patients (62%) were alive after surgical procedure. Thus, the prognosis of patients having hemorrhage associated with PNMs is unfavorable compared with those having non-bleeding PNMs. Generally, the prognosis is favorable in uncomplicated PNMs which are mostly benign.<sup>(1-3)</sup>

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