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Teaching Video NeuroImage: Dural Angioleiomyoma: Insights From Dynamic Imaging

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A 47-year-old man with unremarkable medical history presented with mild dull occipital headaches for 7 months, without other neurologic changes. Structural MRI showed an extraparenchymal, well-delineated left cerebellar lesion with partial post-gadolinium enhancement (Figure). Exploration with T1-weighted perfusion (Video) revealed a progressive, centrifugal enhancement with slow contrast filling, rapid near the center but slower toward outer edges, suggesting a benign mesenchymal tumor. Absence of mass effect and cerebellar symptoms further supported a slow-growing tumor. A surgical removal was performed. Neuropathologic examination revealed a well-circumscribed lesion with smooth muscle cells and vascular cavities, indicating dural angioleiomyoma (Figure). Dural angioleiomyoma is a rare benign tumor, with <80 cases reported in a recent literature review (1), related to soft tissue angioleiomyomas. Partial and flamelike enhancement arising from the tumor base and extending to its periphery appears to be the most typical imaging characteristic (2), and dynamic contrast-enhanced sequence may aid envisioning diagnosis preoperatively.

Legends

Video: Dynamic study

Dynamic contrast-enhanced T1-weighted coronal view of a left cerebellar mass, displaying centrifugal enhancement

Figure: MRI and neuropathology

MRI: coronal T2-FLAIR (A) and contrast-enhanced T1-weighted sagittal (B) views; Neuropathology: anfractuous vascular cavities separated by muscular walls (Hematoxylin-Phloxin-Saffron) (C); Immunohistochemical analysis: smooth muscle cells labeled with antiactin antibodies (D).



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