

# A RAPIDLY GROWING BASOSQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA ON LINEER NEVUS SEBACEOUS OF THE FACE

Facial Plastic Surgery

Submitted : 29.12.2015

Accepted : 05.04.2016

Published : 05.04.2016

Ayça Özbal Koç<sup>1</sup>, Gülşen Tükenmez<sup>1</sup>, Ayşe Tülin Mansur<sup>1</sup>, Şemsi Altaner<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Başkent Üniversitesi Tıp Fakültesi

## Özet

LINEER NEVUS SEBASEUS ÜZERİNDE HIZLI GELİŞEN BAZOSKUAMÖZ HÜCRELİ KARSİNOM  
Nevus Sebaceus epidermis hiperplazi ile karakterize derinin iyi huylu hamartomudur. Nevus sebaceus üzerinde genellikle iyi huylu tümörler gelişmekle beraber malign tümör gelişimine dair literatür bilgisi de bulunmaktadır. Bazoskuamöz hücreli karsinom (BSK) nadir görülen bir tümördür. Daha çok erkeklerde ve baş boyun bölgesinde görülür. Bu yayın literatürdeki ilk nevus sebaceus üzerinde gelişen BSK vaka sunumudur.

**Anahtar kelimeler:** Bazoskuamöz Hücreli Karsinom, Nevus Sebaceus, Cilt Kanseri

## Abstract

A RAPIDLY GROWING BASOSQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA ON LINEER NEVUS SEBACEOUS OF THE FACE

Nevus sebaceus is a benign hamartoma of the skin, characterized by hyperplasia of the epidermis. However mostly benign tumors occur on nevus sebaceus; It was reported that malignant carcinomas can also occur. Basosquamous cell carcinoma (BSC) is a rare carcinoma. It is mostly seen in male and in head and neck region. This is the first paper in the literature that reports Basosquamous carcinoma (BSC) arising on a linear nevus sebaceus which has not been reported in the previous studies.

**Keywords:** Basosquamous carcinoma, Nevus Sebaceus, Skin Carcinoma

## Introduction

Nevus sebaceus is also called nevus sebaceus of Jadassohn or organoid nevus. It is a benign hamartoma of the skin. Nevus sebaceus is characterized by hyperplasia of the epidermis, immature hair follicles, and sebaceous and apocrine glands [1]. Nevus sebaceus usually occurs in the head and neck region and is usually clinically apparent at birth. It presents as a well-demarcated, skin-colored to yellowish alopecic patch. Proportional enlargement with age is the rule and at puberty the lesion typically becomes more yellowish and cerebriform.

The secondary tumors arising within nevus sebaceus and the risk of malignant neoplasm have been controversial [2].

Herein we report a case of Basosquamous Carcinoma (BSC) arising on a linear nevus sebaceus, which has not been reported in previous studies.

## Case Report

A 52-year-old man was admitted our clinic with a dome shaped bump on a previously existed nevus on his face, which had grown in the past three months. On dermatological examination, a 0.5x7 cm, bright yellowish verrucous plaque was located on the right preauricular region, arising from the mandibular angle and extending into the

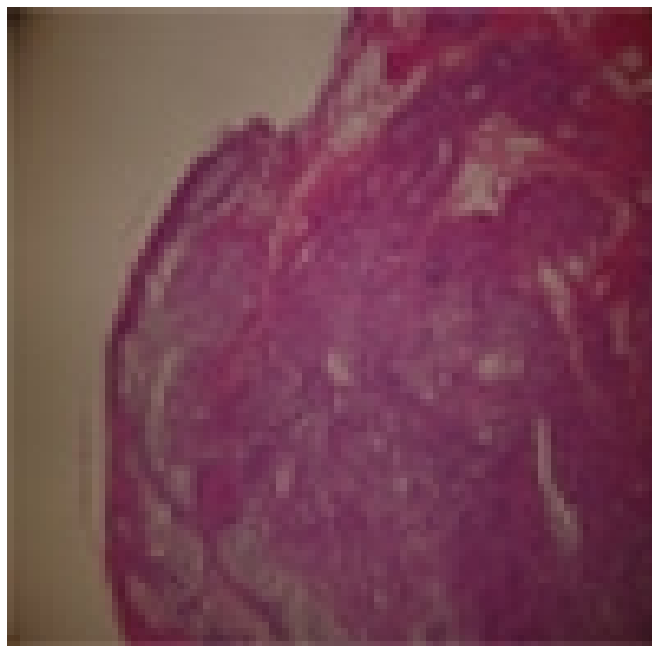
hairline on the temporal area in a linear pattern, which has been present since birth. There was a 1.3 cmx1 cm nodule on the linear lesion with a black crust and an ulcer in the center (Figure 1). The otorhinolaryngologic examination was normal. The nodular lesion was totally excised with a 1 cm margin because of the prediagnoses of basal cell, squamous cell carcinoma and keratoacanthoma. The histopathological examination revealed BSC. The surgical margins were negative. Tumor cells had large vesicular nuclei, prominent nucleoli and narrow cytoplasm. The hyperchromatic nuclei in adjacent areas, narrower cytoplasm of tumor epithelial islands form has attracted the attention associated with tumor formation of basal layer (Figure 2).

He was diagnosed with BSC of the sebaceous nevus with these findings. The common blood count and biochemical laboratory tests were within normal ranges. There were no pathologic lymph nodes on the cervical ultrasonographic examination, and PETCT was normal. The chest x-ray radiographic examination was normal. After one year, there were no signs of recurrence in his follow-up.



**Figure 1**

Nevus sebaceus, hyperpigmente mass on preauricular region



**Figure 2**  
The hyperchromatic nuclei in adjacent areas

## Discussion

Various adnexal tumors can occur on sebaceous nevi, especially in adults. However, mostly benign tumors occur on sebaceous nevi. It was reported that basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, apocrine carcinoma, sebaceous carcinoma, adenomyoepithelioma, and microcystic adnexal carcinoma can develop on sebaceous nevi [3].

BSC is a rare epithelial neoplasm with features of both basal cell carcinoma (BCC) and squamous cell carcinoma (SCC). BSC has more aggressive behavior and has higher risks for recurrence and metastases [4,5]. Clinically, BSC is mostly seen on the head and neck, and has a significant predominance in males. Most of the BSC were located in the head and neck, with a higher rate seen on the nose (33.1%). The auricular region and periocular region are also the most commonly affected sites [6,7]. The patient in the present case had a tumor located in the preauricular region, and had a history of sun exposure due to his job. BSC has a nonspecific clinical presentation and the diagnosis is made only after biopsy. The best treatment for BSC is total excision with wider surgical margins because BSC has an infiltrative growth pattern. Because of its aggressive behavior, long-term follow-up for the detection of local recurrence and distant metastatic spread is recommended.

## Conclusion

It should be kept in mind that BSC can be one of the malignant tumors that develops on the sebaceous nevus.

## References

1. Eisen DB, Michael DJ. Sebaceous lesions and their associated syndromes: part I. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2009 Oct;61(4):549-60; quiz 561-2.
2. Idriss MH, Elston DM, Secondary neoplasms associated with nevus sebaceus of Jadassohn: A study of 707 cases. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2014;70:332-7.
3. Cribier B, Scrivener Y, Grosshans E. Tumors arising in nevus sebaceus: A study of 596 cases. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 2000;42:263-8.)
4. Carlos Garcia C, Eduardo Poletti E, Crowson AN. Basosquamous carcinoma. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2009;60:137-43.
5. Sellheyer K, Cribier B, Nelson P, Kutzner H, Rutten A. Basaloid tumors in nevus sebaceus revisited: the follicular stem cell marker PHLDA1 (TDAG51) indicates that most are basal cell carcinomas and not trichoblastomas. *J Cutan Pathol* 2013;40:455-62.
6. Leibovitch I, Huilgol SC, Selva D, Richards S, Paver R. Basosquamous carcinoma: Treatment with Mohs micrographic surgery. *Cancer.* 2005;104:170–5.
7. Lima NL, Verli FD, de Miranda JL, Marinho SA. Basosquamous carcinoma: histopathological features. *Indian J Dermatol.* 2012 Sep;57(5):382-3.

### **Information About Previous Presentations**

25. Ulusal Dermatoloji Kongresi 2014, Antalya, 21 Ekim 2014 - Poster Sunumu