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Title	Extra-nodal Follicular Dendritic Cell Sarcoma
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Aim	<p>Follicular dendritic cell (FDC) sarcoma, is a rare neoplasm, arising from the FDCs, accessory cells of the lymphoid system. About one third of cases occur in extra-nodal sites,, particularly the tonsils, spleen, gastrointestinal tract. Extra-nodal FDCS of the pharyngeal and parapharyngeal region is a very rare neoplasm that is often misdiagnosed as undifferentiated carcinoma or meningioma .</p> <p>Microscopically, follicular dendritic cell tumors are composed of spindle cells with eosinophilic cytoplasm arranged in sheets, fascicles, and whorls, and storiform growth patterns, suggesting a diagnosis of sarcoma. The tumor cells are characteristically admixed with small lymphocytes, leading to an occasional misdiagnosis of lymphoma.</p>
Materials & Methods	A 39 year old lady presented with 6 month history of headache. Head CT showed a right maxillary sinus mass extending to the nasal and orbital cavities and destructing the surrounding cranial bones including the skull base. The patient underwent endoscopic sinus mass biopsy.
Result	<p>Histologically, the mass was composed of spindle cells with bland looking nuclei arranged in a storiform pattern with focal necrosis and many mitotic figures. The differential diagnosis included sarcoma, lymphoma and poorly differentiated carcinoma.</p> <p>Immunohistochemical stains showed strong immunoreactivity for CD21, CD23, and vimentin, focal positivity for SMA. The above findings support the diagnosis of extra-nodal follicular dendritic cell sarcoma.</p>