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Intraconal Cavernous Hemangioma

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Abstract

Cavernous hemangioma of orbit is the most common vascular lesion of the orbit in middle age group. [1] Progressive painless protrusion of eye ball is the common presentation . [2]

Introduction:

A 26 – year old male presented to us for the routine ocular examination. The patient had no systemic complains like headache, seizures and fever. Patient did not have any ocular complaints. The patient had visual acuity of 20/10 in right eye with no improvement and 20/20 in left eye. The anterior segment evaluation of both eyes was with in normal limits. There was absence of any pupillary abnormalities in both eyes. Dilated fundus examination of right eye showed disc swelling suggestive of papilledema (Fig 1). Left eye fundus examination was normal. A magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan was requested and it illustrated the following: A well-defined, lobulated, heterogenous T1 and T2 hyperintense lesion measuring 1.8 X 1.5 X 1.1 cm in the intraconal region closely abutting the optic nerve and displacing it inferomedially. Lesion was showing hemosiderin staining at the periphery (Fig. 2). Left orbit and optic nerve was normal. The patient was referred to the neurosurgeon, who did superior orbitotomy with mass excision. The patient had complete recovery of vision.

Cavernous hemangioma can present in patients without significant visual loss. High index of suspicion and early intervention helps in preventing visual loss.

Legends for figures

Fig-1 Showing disc swelling with blurring of disc margin and venous fullness suggestive of papilloedema

Fig-2 MRI orbit sagittal section showing intraconal hemangioma (Yellow arrow) and displaced optic nerve (Red arrow).

Declaration of patient consent:

The authors certify that they have obtained all appropriate patient consent forms. In the form the patient has given his consent for his images and other clinical information to be reported in the journal. The patients understand that their names and initials will not be published and due efforts will be made to conceal their identity, but anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

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