

Perivascular epithelioid cell tumour of the liver

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Abstract

Perivascular epithelioid cell tumour is not uncommon in the liver but seldom malignant.

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TO THE EDITOR

I read with great interest the work by Fang, Zhou, Jin and Hu, dealing with perivascular epithelioid cell tumour (angiomyolipoma) of the liver^[1]. It is right that, in mesenchymal tissues, the tumour is common in the uterus. The most frequent localization generally is, however, in the kidney^[2,3]. In the liver, 110 cases had been described by 1999^[3].

It is true that the malignant cases are much fewer.

Our interest in this entity was arisen, when we scrutinized a hepatic tumour, described from our department as an oncocytic adenoma^[4]. However, the tumour later turned out to be positive for the melanocytic marker HMB-45 and is in fact a perivascular epithelioid cell tumour. The journal refused to publish the revised diagnosis!

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