

GLOMUS TYMPANICUM: PROBLEM IN THAILAND

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ABSTRACT

Glomus tympanicum is an important glomus tumor in ear canal. The management is surgical removal. The tumor is benign but has the nature of recurrence. This tumor can be seen worldwide. Here, the authors discuss about this tumor in Thailand, a tropical country in Indochina.

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INTRODUCTION

Glomus tympanicum is an important glomus tumor in ear canal [1 – 2]. The management is surgical removal. The tumor is benign but has the nature of recurrence. In a recent report by Akpalo and Akharo, the recurrence can be seen for many times within a short period [3]. This tumor can be seen worldwide. Here, the authors discuss about this tumor in Thailand, a tropical country in Indochina.

REPORT ON GLOMUS TYMPANICUM IN THAILAND

The authors try searching the international database (PubMed, SCOPUS, ISI) and local referencing database (Thai Index Medicus). There is only one report on glomus tympanicum from Thailand. Hirunpat et al. reported on a case of nasopharyngeal extension of glomus tympanicum in a Thai patient and concluded that this is a rare presentation of the tumor [4].

DISCUSSION

Glomus tympanicum is a kind of glomus tumor that is extremely rare. In Thailand, although there are some reports on glomus tumor at other sites (such as nasal area [5], nail [6], etc.),

the glomus tympanicum is extremely rare and might not be reported by the practitioner. The diagnosis of this tumor might be difficult without the experienced practitioner [1 - 2]. The observation must be primarily by otoscope examination.

CONCLUSION

There are very few reports on glomus tympanicum in Thailand. This tumor seems to be rare or underdiagnosed in Thailand.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None

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