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46 Case presentation: A 54-year old obese woman was referred to Golestan hospital  
47 with abdominal pain, on ultrasound abdominal & CT examination, reported adrenal  
48 mass with possibility of lipoma, fat rich adenoma. patient underwent surgery and  
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78 consist of adiposcytes associated with hematopoetic elements and blood clot.

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96 **INTRODUCTION**

97 Myelolipoma is an uncommon benign tumor like lesion of the adrenal gland [1] .  
98 These tumors were initially described by Giercke in 1905, and 24 years later,  
99 Oberling coined the term 'Myelolipoma' [2] . They are composed of mature  
100 adipocytes and normal hematopoietic tissue [1-3] . The incidence of adrenal  
101 Myelolipoma is reported as being 0.08 to 0.4% at autopsy [4,5] . In the past, this  
102 tumor was primarily detected on autopsies[6].Lately, due to widespread use of  
103 radiological studies such as ultrasonography, CT, and magnetic resonance imaging  
104 (MRI), incidental discovery of indolent adrenal myelolipomas has become more  
105 common[7] .According akamatsu et al result its incidental detection has become  
106 more common, reaching up to 7% of the adrenal masses. The well-recognized  
107 complication of adrenal Myelolipoma is spontaneous retroperitoneal hemorrhage.  
108 No potential of malignancy for adrenal Myelolipoma has been proved [8]. seldom If  
109 the diagnosis of adrenal myelolipoma cannot be made with confidence using  
110 noninvasive imaging, fine-needle aspiration (FNA) biopsy should be considered [9-  
111 11].Also in cases where expectant management is being considered, FNA can  
112 definitively rule out malignancy. The presence of mature adipocytes and  
113 hematopoietic elements is diagnostic of myelolipoma [10-12].  
114 The diagnosis of myelolipoma is based on the identification of macroscopic fat  
115 within the tumor with negative hounsfield on CT [figure 1], [13].the differential  
116 diagnosis should include renal angiomyolipoma,retroperitoneal lipoma and  
117 liposarcoma[12] . bleeding or rupture ,More severe symptoms include hematuria,  
118 renovascular hypertension, even surgical emergencies such as retroperitoneal  
119 hemorrhage of the masses presented with life-threatening cardiovascular shock was  
120 reported [14-18].  
121 this paper report a case of clinicopathological characteristic of adrenal  
122 myelolypoma with considreble size and bleeding when the tumor where diagnosis  
123 was made on the basis of pathological Examination .

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**126 CASE REPORT**

127 The obese 54-year woman referred to surgical department with intermittent, dull  
128 aching, vague abdominal pain of few months duration and history of mild  
129 hypertension. The physical examination was unremarkable. CT scan imaging shows a  
130 right adrenal mass measuring 7\* 3.5 \*2 cm. It was labeled as a fat-containing mass,  
131 raising the possibility of Lipoma, fat-rich adrenal adenoma or liposarcoma. The  
132 patient was subjected to multiplanar, multisequential magnetic resonance imaging  
133 (MRI) of the adrenal glands. The findings consistent with heterogeneous solid mass.  
134 Some hormonal laboratory investigations were done before surgery, for ruling out  
135 pheochromocytoma, Cushing syndrome, Aldosteronism and CAH (Cortico adrenal  
136 hyperplasia) (table 1). Patients underwent unilateral laparoscopic adrenalectomy,  
137 Pathological investigation of tumor in grossly shows well defined mass measure  
138 about 7 cm, weighting 310 grams. In cut section foci of solid yellow tissue and  
139 blood clot area are noted (Figure 2). Microscopic Histopathology revealed Myelolipoma  
140 composed of adipocytes with interspersed hematopoietic elements, consist of  
141 myeloid and erythroid precursors (Figure 3).

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**143 DISCUSSION**

144 Myelolipoma in our Patient were found with history of mild hypertension and  
145 obesity. Occasionally there are clinical symptoms such as abdominal pain or flank  
146 pain due to excessive growth, bleeding within tumor as our patient and Spontaneous  
147 retroperitoneal tumor bleeding [15,16]. The diagnosis can be established by US, CT  
148 or MR examination based on the identification of negative Hounsfield values for  
149 fat within the tumor. On CT, but visual comparison to visceral or subcutaneous fat is  
150 insufficient in most cases [11,17]. In the majority of the cases, adrenal myelolipomas  
151 are unenhanced foci in T1-weighted imaging [12]. These tumors are usually unilateral and  
152 rarely exceed 4 cm. However, very large and bilateral myelolipomas have been  
153 reported [13]. Based on other literature one of the largest adrenal myelolipomas  
154 reported weighed 6 kg and measured 31 cm x 24.5 cm x 11.5 cm [16,18, 14]. Most  
155 patients with myelolipoma underwent surgical resection for a suspected  
156 neoplasm, recently with increased frequent detection of myelolipoma, the treatment  
157 has been a matter in debate. According to Cristofaro MG results asymmetric, Small

158 tumors <5cm are treated conservative with 6-9 month interval wheres symptomatic  
159 and large tumor>10 cm shoud be underwent surgery [5 ]. The pain responded to an  
160 intercostals nerve block, which was done by pain specialist [19]. Since the risk of  
161 spontaneous rupture or bleeding is minimal in these small myelolipoma, observation  
162 can avoid lifelong steroid substitution [5, 16] .however According result of  
163 Daneshmand et all surgery indicate if tumor exceeds 7cm [6]. Additionally,  
164 myelolipomas have been reported to grow significantly during observation and there  
165 are number of case reports spontaneous hemorrhage or bleeding with minor trauma  
166 [20,21].

## 167 CONCLUSION

168 We conclude due to the recent increase in the number of incidentally found adrenal  
169 myelolipomas,as the matter of fact because of unawareness patient for following or  
170 rarely insuffient medical facilities ,because surgical emergensis, tight guidelines are  
171 now needed to help decided between indolent watchfull masses to waiting versus  
172 surgical removal of these benign tumors.

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175 the authors declare that there is no conflict of interests regarding the publication of  
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251 **TABLES**

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253 Table 1:symmery of the useful laboratory data from patient to rulling out  
254 differential diagnosis.

Summery of important laboratory data of our patien		
Laboratory Data		Normal Refrence Range
Potassium(K)	4.3 mmol/li	3.5-5 mmol/li
NA	141 mE/lit	136-45mE/lit
Plasma rennin activity	4.32ng/ml-hr	1-10 ng/ml-hr
Aldostron	15.4ng/dl	5-20 ng/dl
17- oH progestron	0.7 microgram/L	0.2-5
noradrenaline	55 ug/24hours(h)	97ug/24h
Dopamine	454 ug/24h	500ug/h
Total volume of urin	2600ml/24 h	
Adrenalin	20ng/L	84 ng/L
Dopamin	20 ng/l	85 ng/l
Dehydroepiandrostedione (DHEAS)	13 MICRI/DL	12-35 MICRI/DL
Urin free cortisole (ufc)	42 MIC/24h	UP TO 120 MIC/24h

255 Abbreviations: CT: computed tomography; MRI: magnetic resonance imaging;  
256 US:ultrasonography; DHEAS: Dehydroepiandrostedione, ufc: Urin free cortisole.

257 **FIGURE LIGEND**

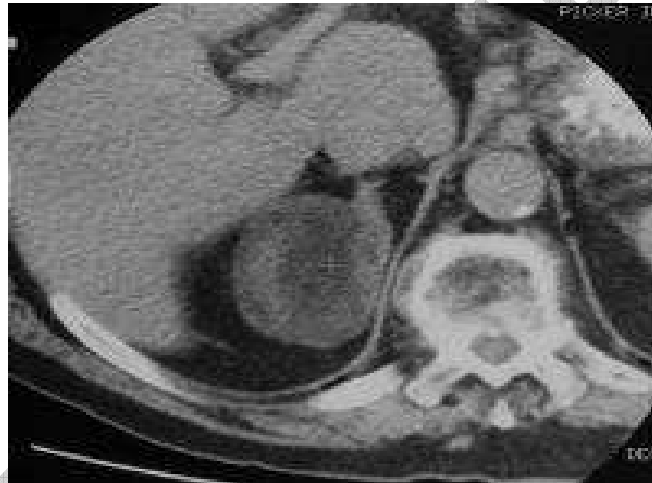
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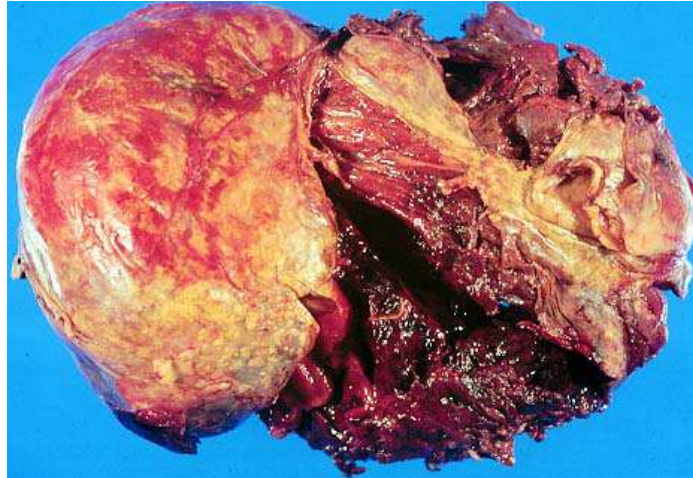
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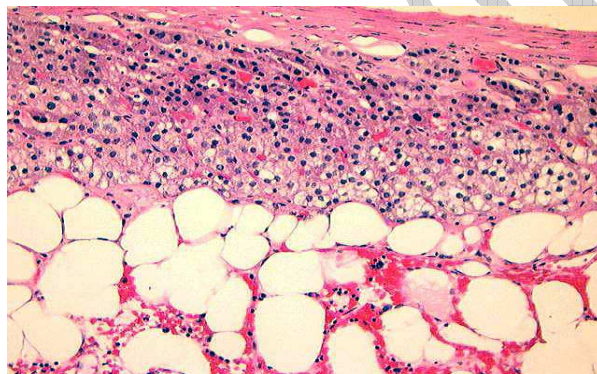
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