Adult Hemangioma of The Larynx in A Developing Community

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Abstract
Few adult hemangiomas of the larynx have been reported. There are a few cases published from India, Pakistan, Turkey, and Taiwan. Therefore, a Nigerian case is presented here from the Igbo Ethnic Group domiciled in South Eastern Nigeria.

Keywords: Adulthood Hemangioma; Larynx; Igbo; Nigeria

Introduction
There are a few reported individual cases of adult hemangiomas of the larynx published from India [1,2], Pakistan [3], Turkey [4,5], Taiwan [6] and China [7]. Therefore, we present such a case seen among the Igbo ethnic group [8], which is domiciled in the South Eastern Region of Nigeria.

Case Report
AI, a 50-year-old male of the Igbo ethnic group, consulted one of us (BCO) on account of hoarseness of 5 years duration. Direct laryngoscopy revealed a fleshy, red polyp in the right vocal cord. This was biopsied and submitted to the co-author (WIBO). It was a tiny reddish piece. On microscopy, the appearance was classically that of cavernous hemangioma. It was complicated by partial thrombosis. Postoperatively, the patient’s voice was improved, and the stridor was relieved. Altogether, his recovery was uneventful.

Discussion
Of the above intercontinental cases, all were single except the two from a Turkish center [5]. Their ages ranged from 22 years to 61 years (means 41 years). Therefore, we present such a case seen among the Igbo ethnic group [8], which is domiciled in the South Eastern Region of Nigeria.

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