

# Recurrent Bilateral Orbital Infiltration as Primary Manifestation of Rosai Dorfman Disease

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## Abstract

Rosai Dorfman disease, also known as histiocytosis with massive lymphadenopathy, is a very rare idiopathic disease. It is characterized by over production and accumulation of non Langerhans sinus histiocyte most often in lymph nodes, but may occur in other areas leading to organ damage. Based on the research, it can be caused by an infectious agent, immunodeficiency or autoimmunity and genetic causes. Extranodal manifestation is uncommon, however extranodal sites include liver, kidney, respiratory organs, orbit and eyeball. We present a case report of a 44-year-old female with recurrent bilateral orbital infiltration as first location of Rosai Dorfman disease.

## Keywords

Extranodal Rosai Dorfman, Genetic, Immunodeficiency, Histiocytosis with Massive Lymphadenopathy, Orbit, Kidney

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## 1. Introduction

Rosai Dorfman disease is an uncommon histiocytic disorder first described by Rosai and Dorfman in 1969 as sinus histiocytosis with massive lymphadenopathy [1]. The disease is usually chronic with spontaneous remission and is refractory to treatment [2]. Rosai-Dorfman does not usually threaten life or organ function. It is believed that 5% to 10% of patients have progressive disease that may damage tissue. However, for most patients, the disease is self-limited, and the outcome is good. Diagnosis of Rosai Dorfman disease is done by histopathologic tests. Langerhans cell histiocytosis, Reticulohistiocytoma and Juvenile xanthogranuloma are listed in differential diagnosis [3] [4]. Based on the literature there are no large studies performed and many of the patients do not require

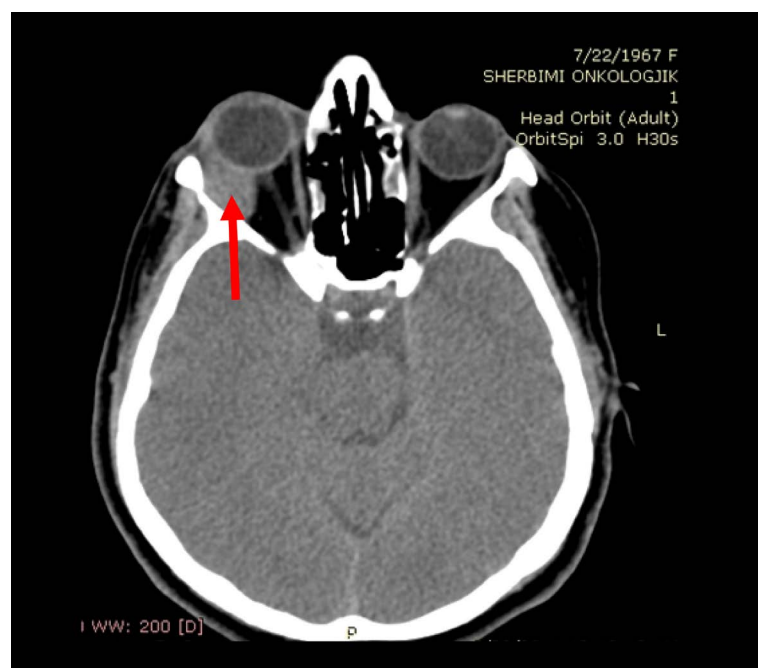
treatment. There are other diseases that can be manifested with histiocytosis and should not be misdiagnosed with Rosai Dorfman disease. Juvenile xanthogranuloma, reticulohistiocytoma and langerhans cell histiocytosis are some of them [5]. In Rosai Dorfman disease CD68 and S100 are positive, and CD1A is negative. In order to set proper diagnosis we have to exclude these immunohistochemical tests in other diseases.

Characteristic “ground cell” cytoplasm is seen in reticulohistiocytoma and “touton” giant cells with lipidisation of histiocytes in juvenile xanthogranuloma. These other diseases should not display emperipolesis [6]. Rosai Dorfman disease in kidneys is very rare and as differential diagnosis we should exclude malignant fibrous histiocytomas, leukemia, lymphoma, tuberculosis or renal carcinoma [7] [8].

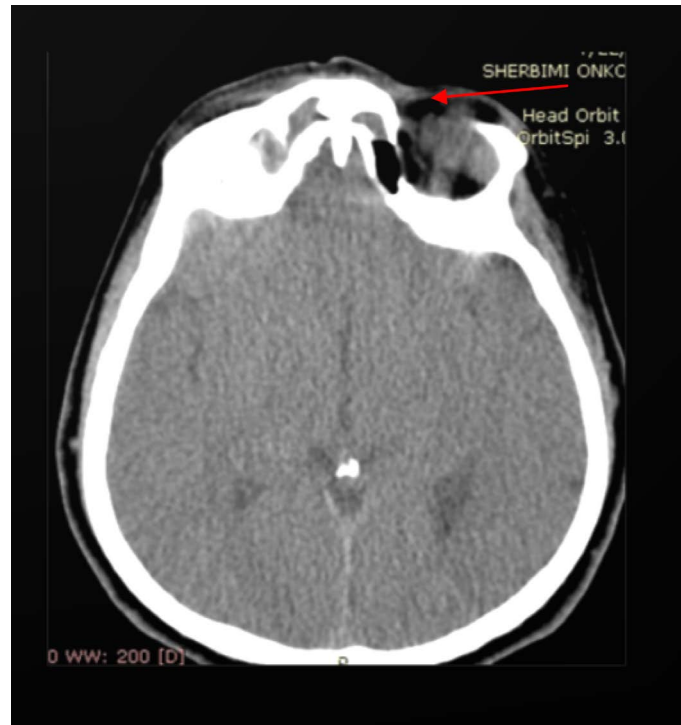
## 2. Case Report

A 45-year-old female was referred to our clinic with signs of pansinusitis, pain in the right orbit and diplopic vision when she turned the eyes to the right position. In the CT of the head orbital lesion was noticed (Figure 1).

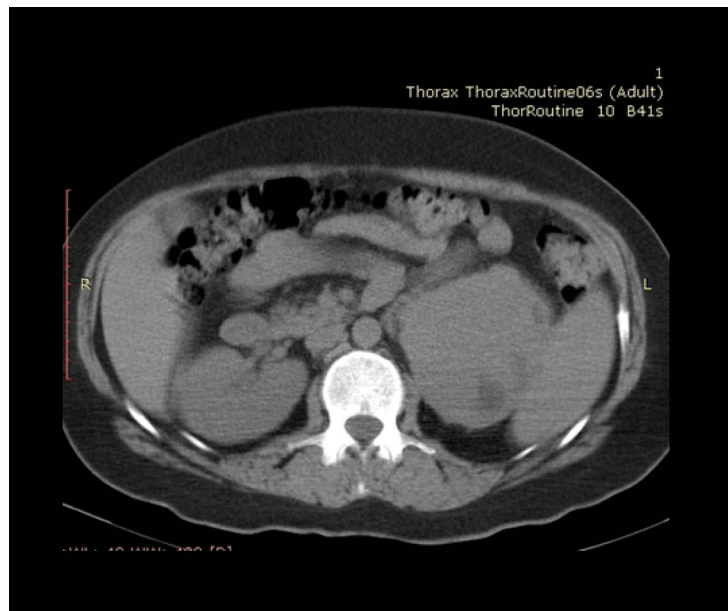
After the surgery was performed a capsulated non hemorrhagic lesion with hard consistence was removed. Surgery resolved above symptoms and no complication was observed. After 4 months’ regression of the clinical signs with pain appeared in the left eye, she also had proptosis and blurred vision. MRI findings showed lesion in left orbit and left cavernous sinusitis, also frontal lesion. It was suspected for lymphoma in differential diagnosis. Laboratory examinations revealed: RBC  $3.65 \times 10^6/\text{mm}^3$  HGB 10.6 g/dL, HCT 34.5. The second surgery was performed in left orbit (Figure 2).



**Figure 1.** CT scan showing an isodense lesion at lateral part of right orbit.



**Figure 2.** CT scan after the left orbital tumor removed.



**Figure 3.** Extraorbital lesion in left kidney.

Capsulated, hard mass was removed. Second biopsy was done and in the conclusion it resulted with non specific granular inflammation. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) was positive for CD68+, S100+, CD38+ in plasmatic cells, CD 45, CD5, CD3 stained mature lymphocytes and negative for HMB 45-. As a conclusion the diagnosis was extranodal Rosai Dorfman Disease. After two years proptosis in both eyes was noticed with the recurrence of the disease in both orbits. Total removal of the tumor was done by surgery in both orbits. This time



**Figure 4.** Orbits after surgery and medical treatment.

patient had symptoms of pain in kidney and laboratory examination revealed high urea [Urea= 52.2 g/24hours]. Immediately the kidney CT was performed and it resulted with infiltrative renal mass in the left kidney (**Figure 3**).

She was treated with corticosteroids and oral methotrexate. The follow up CT resulted negative for recurrence and total disappearing of the lesion from the orbits and head (**Figure 4**).

### 3. Conclusion

Extranodal orbital Rosai Dorfman disease is a very rare condition. Furthermore, bilateral orbital infiltration as first sign of the disease as in our case is even rarer. For that reason, this case should raise the awareness among ophthalmologists and it should be considered in differential diagnosis for orbital tumors.

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