## Intralesional Versus Wide Resection of Low-Grade Chondrosarcomas of the Hand

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- · The difference between primary and secondary chondrosarcoma.
- The potential risks and benefits of intralesional excision of chondrosarcoma in the hand.
- The reasons one might choose amputation in the management of chondrosarcoma in the hand.

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**Purpose** To report our experience with intralesional curettage (resection with positive margins) and amputation (resection with negative margins) of low-grade chondrosarcomas (LCS) of the hand.

**Materials and methods** Skeletally mature patients treated surgically for LCS of the hand at our institutions were reviewed. Demographics and oncological history were collected. Results of the entire cohort and by treatment modality were analyzed radiographically, functionally (strength, Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder, and Hand measure), cosmetically, and oncologically (recurrence, Musculoskeletal Tumor Society score, metastasis, and mortality rates).

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0363-5023/16/4104-0006\$36.00/0 http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jhsa.2015.12.025 **Results** Seventeen cases in 16 patients were identified. Nine patients were women. Average age at surgery was 43 years (range, 20-80 years). Mean follow-up was 18 years (range, 9-23 years). Six of the 17 lesions treated at different institutions with intralesional procedures presented as recurrent disease. We treated 3 with a repeat intralesional procedure and the remaining with wide resection. Recurrence incidence was the same in both groups. The remaining 11 newonset cases were treated with intralesional procedures (6) or wide resections (5). One of the 6 tumors treated with an intralesional procedure recurred. None treated with wide resection recurred. Recurrence incidence combining new- onset and recurrent disease after intralesional procedures was 22% versus 13% for wide resections. Average grip strength was 37 kg (range, 21-55 kg), and pinch strength was 7.6 kg (range, 4.5-12.5 kg). Mean Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder, and Hand score was 2 (range, 0-10). There were no wound complications, and appearance was satisfactory in most cases (visual analog scale score, > 8). Average Musculoskeletal Tumor Society score was 29 points (range, 21-30 points). No patients presented with metastatic disease or died because of LCS.

**Conclusions** Intralesional resections aiming to preserve function are safe, recognizing that more than 1 procedure may be required. Amputation also plays a role with excellent functional outcome in cases in which severe joint deformity or involvement of soft tissues and neurovascular structures interferes with function. (*J Hand Surg Am. 2016;41(4):541–549. Copyright* © 2016 by the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. All rights reserved.)

Type of study/level of evidence Therapeutic IV.

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HONDROSARCOMAS ARE THE SECOND most common primary bone malignancy after osteosarcomas. Traditionally, they are divided into primary chondrosarcomas, which originate from normal bone with a primary intramedullary growth pattern, and secondary chondrosarcomas, which originate from benign cartilaginous lesions such enchondromas or osteochondromas. Low-grade chondrosarcomas (LCS) rarely occurs in the hand.<sup>1–3</sup> The differential diagnosis includes bone infarct, sarcoidosis, and other granulomatous diseases such as tuberculosis.

Surgical resection is the treatment of choice because these tumors are resistant to radiotherapy and chemotherapy. Prognosis depends largely on their grade. The most commonly applied criteria for grading are those described by Evans et al.<sup>4</sup> These include cellularity, matrix characteristics, nuclear features, and number of mitoses.<sup>4</sup> However, low levels of inter- and intraobserver reliability in histological grading make final diagnosis difficult and controversial.<sup>5,6</sup> In addition, the intrinsic histological heterogeneity of chondrosarcomas has made diagnostic biopsies less reliable. $^{5-7}$  Therefore, additional emphasis has been placed on imaging studies to complement diagnosis, establish follow-up, and determine the need for surgery.<sup>7</sup> Imaging over time to assess change and determine the tumor behavior is more valuable than a single study.

The hand surgeon and musculoskeletal oncologist face major challenges when managing cartilaginous lesions in the hand. Characteristically, benign cartilage tumors of the hand contain more atypia when compared with those in other locations, making differentiation between benign and malignant lesions difficult.<sup>8,9</sup> The most recent histological definition of LCS is a cartilaginous neoplasm showing infiltrating growth pattern with invasion and entrapment of preexisting trabecular bone or destructive entrapment or invasion of extraosseous soft tissue.<sup>10</sup>

Most studies have reported patients who presented with a secondary chondrosarcoma.<sup>11,12</sup> This occurs in the setting of syndromatic conditions such multiple hereditary exostosis, Ollier disease, or Maffucci syndrome. It may also rarely occur as a malignant transformation from a benign lesion<sup>13</sup> such as enchondroma or osteochondroma. Other manuscripts report on primary lesions.<sup>14</sup> In both scenarios, follow-up has been short, and therefore, there is little published on assessing outcomes and prognosis after treatment.

We present the combined experience of 2 institutions and report the oncological and functional outcomes of intralesional curettage (positive margin resection) and amputation (negative margin resection) in 16 patients with 17 LCS of the hand with a minimum follow-up of 9 years. We also propose a protocol to approach Download English Version:

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