

Bizarre Parosteal Osteochondromatous Proliferation

A Locally Aggressive Benign Tumor

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Abstract

Background Bizarre parosteal osteochondromatous proliferation (BPOP) is a benign lesion of bone, and numerous questions remain unresolved regarding its etiology, diagnosis, and treatment.

Questions/purposes We present the Scottish Bone Tumour Registry experience of this rare lesion.

Patients and Methods We performed a retrospective analysis of the Scottish Bone Tumour Registry records. Histologic specimens were reexamined by a musculoskeletal pathologist. Radiographs were reevaluated by a musculoskeletal radiologist.

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Results From 1983 to 2009, 13 cases (13 patients; six male, seven female) were identified. Their ages ranged from 13 to 65 years. All patients presented with localized swelling. Pain was present in five. Antecedent trauma was present in two. Nine lesions affected the hand, three the foot, and one the tibial tuberosity. Twelve lesions were excised and one was curetted. There were seven recurrences of which six were excised. One lesion recurred a second time and was excised. There were no metastases. Radiographs showed densely mineralized lesions contiguous with an uninvolved cortex. Cortical breakthrough was present in one case and scalloping in another. Histologic analysis characteristically showed hypercellular cartilage with pleomorphism and calcification/ossification without atypia, bone undergoing maturation, and a spindle cell stroma.

Conclusions BPOP is a rare benign lesion that probably is neoplastic, with no gender predilection, and affecting patients over a wide age range. Previously trauma was considered an etiologic factor, but this no longer seems to be the case. The rate of recurrence was 50%, which may indicate a more extensive resection is required for this locally aggressive lesion. No metastases were reported. BPOP should not be mistaken for, or treated as, a malignant tumor.

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Introduction

BPOP is a rare benign lesion of bone originally described by Nora et al. [16] in 1983. In the original series, all lesions affected the tubular bones of the hands and feet.

Subsequent reports however have identified lesions in the long bones, skull, pelvis, clavicle, maxilla, and the tibial sesamoid [1, 3, 9, 13, 19, 21, 24]. Lesions of the tubular bones of the hands and feet remain the most common, with the hand being affected four times more commonly than the foot [23]. BPOP has no gender predilection [16] and can occur at any age; however, most patients are 20 to 30 years old [8].

It has been suggested BPOP represents a proliferative reaction secondary to periosteal trauma or ischemia [2], and in 2001 Horiguchi et al. [11] identified the processes occurring in a BPOP lesion are similar to those of endochondral ossification in the normal growth plate, indicating a reactive/reparative process after periosteal injury. Dorfman and Czerniak [5] also suggested BPOP may in fact only be part of a spectrum of reactive lesions with differences being attributable to the degree of maturation, the “unitary hypothesis” [25]: florid reactive periostitis (FRP), then BPOP, and finally turret exostosis.

Against this theory is the inconsistent history of antecedent trauma [8]. It therefore was suggested by Zambrano et al. [26] that BPOP could represent a neoplastic process. Subsequent work by Nilsson et al. [15] and Endo et al. [6] supports this and suggests t(1;17) represents a distinct translocation point unique to BPOP, thereby excluding the unitary hypothesis.

Histologically, BPOP is composed of bone, cartilage, and a fibrous myxoid spindle cell stroma without cellular atypia [1, 16, 20]. The basal bony trabeculae are immature with high osteoblastic activity and uneven calcification. An irregular hypercellular cartilaginous cap containing large bizarre binucleate chondrocytes with patches of endochondral ossification that characteristically has a blue tinctorial quality covers this bone (Fig. 1). Radiographically, BPOP classically presents as a “well-margined mass of heterotopic mineralization arising from the periosteal aspect of an intact cortex without medullary changes” [4]. The natural architecture of the bone should be preserved and there should be no cortical flaring [16]. The soft tissues also should appear normal [8, 23] (Fig. 2). Owing to its rapid growth and bizarre appearance radiographically/histologically, the differential diagnosis is wide and includes ossifying hematoma, myositis ossificans, heterotopic ossification, soft tissue chondroma, juxtacortical chondroma, osteochondroma, parosteal/periosteal osteosarcoma, and periosteal chondrosarcoma [13, 20]. For lesions with a radiographic diagnosis of BPOP, marginal resection is the preferred treatment. This however results in a recurrence rate of 50% to 55% [13, 16]. There are no reported metastases.

As BPOP is an uncommon lesion, numerous issues remain unresolved. We undertook the first UK study of BPOP in an effort to answer the following questions: (1) Is

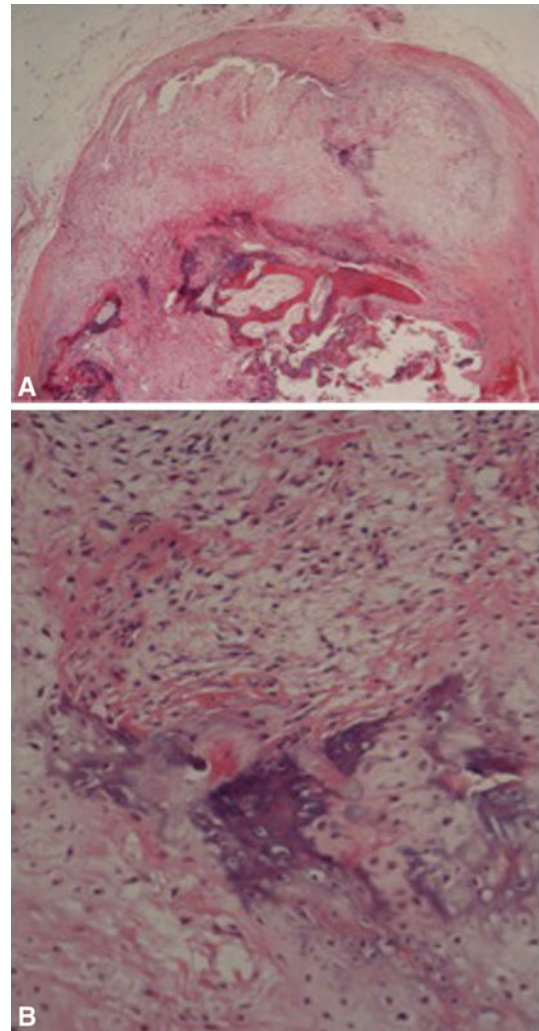


Fig. 1A–B (A) A histologic specimen shows a protuberance of the cellular cartilage cap with the underlying bluish stain of endochondral ossification (Stain, hematoxylin and eosin; original magnification, $\times 40$). Deep to this, the trabecular bone (pink) is seen. (B) A histologic specimen shows the blue endochondral ossification at a higher power amid cellular cartilage and fibrous tissue (Stain, hematoxylin and eosin; original magnification, $\times 200$).

trauma important in the etiology of BPOP? (2) Does BPOP represent a neoplastic lesion and if so what are the cytogenetic aberrations? (3) Is BPOP part of a continuum of lesions? (4) Is radiographic interpretation accurate enough to diagnose BPOP or is histology required? (5) Is marginal resection the treatment of choice?

Patients and Methods

We performed a retrospective analysis of Scottish Bone Tumour Registry (SBTR) records to identify cases of histologically confirmed BPOP. Between January 1983 and



Fig. 2 An AP radiograph shows a typical BPOP. A well-defined ossified lesion can be seen on the radiopalmar aspect of the middle phalanx of the right little finger contiguous with the cortex but without cortical/medullary infiltration or soft tissue swelling.

February 2009, 13 cases were identified. Using this database, we were able to gather patient data regarding: age at presentation, gender, symptoms, site of lesion, presence of antecedent trauma, method of treatment, presence of recurrence, and duration of followup (Table 1).

Six patients were male and seven were female. Nine lesions affected the hand, three the foot, and one the tibial tuberosity (Fig. 3). All patients presented with localized swelling. Pain was present in five and one patient also had paresthesia distal to the lesion. A history of trauma was apparent in two patients.

Marginal resection was the primary mode of treatment in 12 cases. In one case, the lesion was curetted as the definitive method of treatment.

There were seven local recurrences at a median of 2 years (range, 6 months–7 years). Six of the recurrent lesions were treated with aggressive local resection (five marginal and one wide local). One lesion was asymptomatic and so the patient declined further surgery. One lesion recurred a second time 14 months after revision surgery. This was treated with further aggressive marginal resection. There was no recurrence after the second resection. There were no reported metastatic lesions.

All radiographic images were reevaluated by a consultant musculoskeletal radiologist (DR) specifically looking for the site of the lesion, cortical involvement, periosteal reaction, intramedullary change, and soft tissue involvement (Table 2). Radiographs also were analyzed to identify

whether they fit with the classic description of a BPOP as described by Dhondt et al. [4].

All pathologic specimens were reevaluated by a consultant pathologist specializing in musculoskeletal oncology (EM). Histology specimens were sectioned at 3 μ m and standard hematoxylin and eosin stains were used. Histology characteristically showed hypercellular cartilage with pleomorphism and calcification/ossification without atypia, bone undergoing maturation, and a spindle cell stroma. All specimens were confirmed as BPOP on histologic reevaluation (Table 3). Cytogenetic analysis was performed on one lesion as a routine part of the patients' care. This involved culture of cells from the histologic specimen. Twenty-two G banded metaphases were available for light microscopy evaluation of chromosomes.

Patients were followed up for a median of 1 year (range, 0–5 years) after the last surgical resection.

An extensive literature review was performed using PubMed, MEDLINE, and Google Scholar. Search terms included “bizarre parosteal osteochondromatous proliferation” and “Nora lesion.” Exclusion criteria included no English translation available or no full text available.

Results

Antecedent trauma was identified in two patients. In both patients, the reported trauma was minor and therefore unlikely to induce periosteal reaction. We believe trauma is not significant in the etiology of BPOP.

Cytogenetic analysis of one of our lesions showed chromosomal abnormalities at chromosome 6 and chromosome 7 in 12 cells (pericentric inversion of Ch 6 between bands 6p25 and 6q15 and paracentric inversion of Ch 7 at bands 7q22.1 and 7q31.3). The remaining cells had a normal karyotype. This favors a neoplastic etiology, but as only one lesion had cytogenetic evaluation, our results are not conclusive.

None of the original or recurrent lesions showed evidence of progression from FRP to BPOP. All presented or represented as BPOP, suggesting BPOP is not part of a continuum of lesions.

Of the 13 lesions, seven fit the classic description of a BPOP and five did not. One lesion could not be diagnosed radiographically as the imaging was of poor quality and the cortex was ill-defined. Another lesion presented with no mineralization; however, calcification and cortical irregularity were present on a subsequent MR image. One lesion was present in an arthritic joint and this made radiographic diagnosis difficult. One lesion had cortical scalloping, again preventing a definitive radiographic diagnosis (Fig. 4). One lesion initially appeared typical of BPOP; however, there was subsequent periosteal reaction on

Table 1. Patient demographics, symptoms, treatment, and outcome

Patient	Gender	Age at presentation (years)	Location	Symptoms	Trauma	Treatment	1st local recurrence	Treatment of 1st recurrence	2nd local recurrence	Treatment of 2nd recurrence	Metastasis	Followup
1	Female	29	Left little finger middle phalanx	Localized swelling	No	Marginal resection	18 months	Marginal resection	No	No	No	4 years
2	Male	41	Left ring finger middle phalanx	Localized swelling	No	Intralesional curettage	84 months	Marginal resection	No	No	No	4 years
3	Male	46	Right 2nd toe proximal phalanx	Localized swelling, pain	No	Marginal resection	37 months	Marginal resection	No	No	No	4 years
4	Female	47	Right little finger middle phalanx	Localized swelling	No	Marginal resection	No	No	No	No	No	5 years
5	Female	23	Left tibial tubercle	Localized swelling	Yes	Marginal resection	20 months	Marginal resection	No	No	No	2 years
6	Female	25	Left little finger middle phalanx	Localized swelling, pain	No	Marginal resection	25 months	Marginal resection	11 months	Marginal resection	No	2 years
7	Female	65	Left middle/long finger distal phalanx	Localized swelling	No	Marginal resection	53 months	Nil	No	No	No	0
8	Female	42	Left 3rd toe proximal phalanx	Localized swelling	No	Marginal resection	No	No	No	No	No	0
9	Female	39	Right index finger metacarpal	Localized swelling	No	Marginal resection	No	No	No	No	No	6 months
10	Male	49	Left index finger proximal phalanx	Localized swelling, pain	No	Marginal resection	25 months	Wide local excision	No	No	No	6 months
11	Male	13	Right foot 2nd metatarsal	Localized swelling, pain, distal paresthesia	Yes	Marginal resection	No	No	No	No	No	1 year
12	Male	44	Right little finger proximal phalanx	Localized swelling, pain	No	Marginal resection	No	No	No	No	No	6 months
13	Male	58	Left ring finger middle phalanx	Localized swelling	No	Marginal resection	No	No	No	No	No	6 months

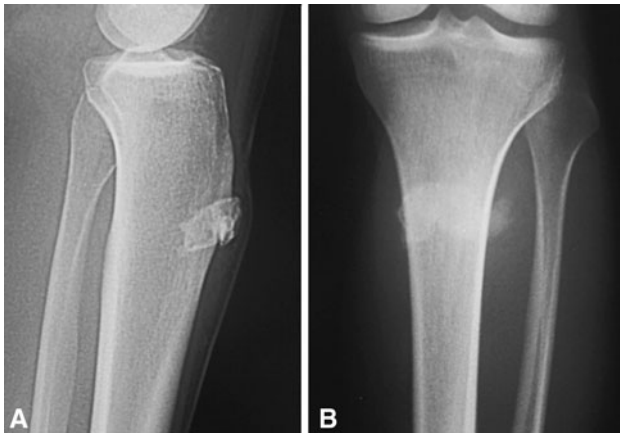


Fig. 3A–B (A) Lateral and (B) AP radiographs show a BPOP lesion of the tibial tuberosity.

radiographs and an MRI scan showed cortical destruction and medullary edema, giving an atypical radiographic appearance (Fig. 5). One lesion was present on the tibial tuberosity, and although it appeared typical, it was present in a site not previously identified in the literature.

In our series, there were seven local recurrences (54%), including six lesions treated with marginal resection and one lesion curetted as the primary mode of treatment. Of the seven local recurrences, five were treated with an additional, more extensive marginal resection and one, which had cortical scalloping, was treated with wide local excision (Fig. 6). One lesion recurred a second time after marginal resection and this again was treated with an extensive marginal resection. The recurrent lesion with cortical scalloping did not subsequently recur. Marginal resection remains the preferred treatment for primary lesions; however, recurrent lesions may require more extensive resection.

We did not find any gender predilection and lesions were found to occur over a wide age range. The tubular bones of the hand represented the most common site.

Discussion

BPOP is a rare lesion, and as a result, there are numerous questions remaining unresolved regarding etiology, diagnosis, and treatment. We therefore retrospectively reviewed SBTR records from 1983 to 2009 to determine whether we could answer some of these questions. Apart from the original series by Nora et al. [16] (35 cases), a subsequent series by Meneses et al. [13] (65 cases), and a radiology-based series by Dhondt et al. [4] (24 cases), our study of 13 patients is the largest in the literature.

The major limitation of this study is that it is a retrospective case series; however, owing to the rarity of this

lesion, it would be difficult to perform a prospective study. Another limitation of this study is that the SBTR relies on individual hospitals referring patients with a suspected primary bone tumor to this central registry. SBTR records therefore are dependent on local hospitals identifying such lesions and referring them appropriately.

Although Ly et al. [12] reported the case of a radiographically confirmed BPOP developing after injury, we do not believe trauma is an etiologic factor. In the original series of Nora et al. [16], trauma was not identified in any patient. In our series, antecedent trauma was an inconsistent finding (< 20%), and when present, it was minor and therefore unlikely to cause periosteal reaction.

We believe BPOP represents a neoplastic rather than reactive lesion. This is supported by Zambrano et al. [26], who identified an abnormal karyotype in one lesion (Ch 12 additional ring chromosomes, Ch 7 trisomy) and nonclonal abnormalities of chromosomes 2, 8, and 14 in another. The finding of a distinct $t(1;17)(q32;q21)$ balanced translocation by Nilsson et al. [15] and a $t(1;17)(q42;p23)$ translocation by Endo et al. [6] also supports this theory. Only one of our lesions was evaluated with genetic testing and this revealed karyotypic abnormalities at chromosomes 6 and 7. This, we believe, favors a neoplastic etiology, although as trauma was present in this case, a reactive lesion inducing genetic abnormalities cannot be excluded. It has been suggested $t(1;17)$ represents a distinct translocation point in BPOP [6]. As only one lesion in our series had cytogenetic studies performed, we are not able to comment further on the significance of our findings regarding a specific genetic abnormality characteristic of BPOP, but the abnormal karyotype we identified has not been reported previously, indicating BPOP may not result from one pathogenetically significant aberration, as suggested by Nilsson et al. [15], or $t(1;17)$ is not the only distinct translocation point, as suggested by Endo et al. [6].

The finding of cytogenetic aberrations distinct to BPOP also supports the view that BPOP is not part of a spectrum of lesions, as suggested by Dorfman and Czerniak [5]. In contrast to this, Dhondt et al. [4] and Sundaram et al. [22] claim to have identified lesions that have progressed from FRP to BPOP radiographically, thus supporting the unitary hypothesis [25]. Histologic confirmation of the progression from FRP to BPOP is not present in either of these reports [4, 22], and so we maintain BPOP does represent a distinct clinicopathologic entity. However, we are not able to prove or disprove this, as all patients presented and underwent excision biopsy as part of their investigation/treatment at the BPOP stage.

In agreement with Dhondt et al. [4] and Torreggiani et al. [23], we believe radiology alone is sufficient to diagnose BPOP in typical cases (typical radiographic appearance and typical clinical findings). There are

Table 2. Patient radiology

Patient	Date of imaging	Imaging	Description	Typical/Atypical
1	08/31/87	Radiograph	Partially mineralized parosteal lesion (3 × 4 mm) ulnopalmar aspect middle phalanx left little finger, separate from cortex	Typical
	02/06/89	Radiograph	Partially mineralized recurrent lesion (7 × 6 × 6 mm) ulnopalmar aspect of middle phalanx of left little finger, contiguous with cortex but no cortical/medullary infiltration	Typical
2	11/16/92	Radiograph	Predominantly ossified lesion (13 × 12 × 10 mm) palmar aspect of middle phalanx of left ring finger, unable to exclude intramedullary involvement owing to poor quality radiographs	Typical
3	07/14/95	Radiograph	Ossified parosteal lesion (22 × 15 × 9 mm) dorsomedial aspect of proximal phalanx right 2nd toe, contiguous with cortex but no cortical/medullary infiltration	Typical
	11/09/98	Radiograph	Partially mineralized recurrent lesion (14 × 10 × 8 mm) dorsomedial aspect of proximal phalanx of right 2nd toe; no cortical/medullary infiltration	Typical
4	02/15/94	Radiograph	Well-defined ossified lesion (9 × 7 × 4 mm) radiopalmar aspect of middle phalanx of right little finger, contiguous with cortex but no cortical/medullary infiltration	Typical
5	09/08/94	Radiograph	Well-defined ossified parosteal lesion (37 × 21 × 9 mm) anterior aspect of proximal tibia just below tibial tuberosity, contiguous with cortex; deep extension could not be ruled out; DD: BPOP, myositis ossificans, ossified hematoma osteochondroma, periosteal/soft tissue chondroma/chondrosarcoma, parosteal osteosarcoma	Typical appearance but atypical sight
6	08/04/98	Radiograph	Ill-defined partially mineralized lesion (6 × 4 mm) palmar aspect of middle phalanx of left little finger, contiguous with cortex, some irregularity of cortex; no medullary infiltration; DD: BPOP, periosteal chondroma/chondrosarcoma, parosteal osteosarcoma	Atypical owing to cortical irregularity
7	04/12/00	Radiograph	Irregular mineralized parosteal and paraarticular mass contiguous with distal phalanx of left little finger and DIPJ osteophytes; origin thought to be bone surface; DD: periosteal chondroma/chondrosarcoma, parosteal osteosarcoma, arthropathy	Atypical as contiguous with DIPJ osteophytes
8	07/28/00	Radiograph	Ossified surface lesion (15 × 9 mm) dorsomedial aspect of left 3rd toe, ? phalanx; cortex ill-defined; poor-quality radiograph	Atypical owing to ill-defined cortex
9	01/25/02	Radiograph	Soft tissue swelling dorsal aspect of 2nd MCPJ; no mineralization; inhomogeneous lesion (19 × 10 × 10 mm) dorsal aspect of 2nd MC contiguous with cortex; cortical surface irregularity.	Atypical owing to cortical surface irregularity
	06/18/02	MRI	Inhomogeneous lesion (19 × 10 × 10 mm) dorsal aspect of 2nd MC contiguous with cortex; cortical surface irregularity	
10	12/13/00	Radiograph	Predominantly mineralized lesion (28 × 18 × 25 mm) ulnar aspect proximal phalanx of left index finger with early cortical scalloping; DD: periosteal chondroma/chondrosarcoma, parosteal osteosarcoma	Atypical owing to cortical scalloping
	11/14/02	Radiograph	Recurrent lesion at same site and similar size but more lucent with sclerotic shell attached to cortex; no medullary infiltration	
11	08/27/06	Radiograph	Mineralized lesion (12 × 9 mm) dorsal aspect of 2nd/3rd toe interspace contiguous with 2nd MT metaphysis	Typical
	01/30/07	Radiograph	Lesion increased in size (25 × 14 mm) with periosteal reaction of 2nd MT shaft	Atypical owing to periosteal reaction
	01/30/07	MRI	Lesion (20 × 15 × 14 mm) dorsal aspect of 2nd MT neck with 5-mm cortical breach with underlying medullary edema and periosteal reaction	Atypical owing to periosteal reaction/cortical breach/medullary edema
12	12/10/07	Radiograph	Completely mineralized lesion (10 × 11 × 12 mm) radiopalmar aspect of proximal phalanx of left little finger contiguous with cortex but no infiltration of cortex or medulla	Typical
13	12/15/07	Radiograph	Predominantly mineralized lesion (4.5 × 3.5 × 3.5 mm) radial aspect of middle phalanx of left ring finger contiguously fused with cortex but no cortical infiltration; small central areas of nonmineralization	Typical

DD = differential diagnosis; BPOP = bizarre parosteal osteochondromatous proliferation; DIPJ = distal interphalangeal joint; MCPJ = metacarpophalangeal joint; MC = metacarpal; MT = metatarsal.

Table 3. Patient histology

Patient	Initial report	Diagnosis on reevaluation
1	(1) Multiple chondroid nodules with focal calcification in areas and ossification; poorly formed connective tissue capsule	BPOP
	(2) Bone with adjacent fibrous tissue and chondroid material with pleomorphism and occasional binucleate cells with focal calcification and an irregular bone/cartilage interface	BPOP
2	(1) Haphazardly arranged nodules of cartilage, bone, and calcified tissue around fibrous connective tissue capsule	Synovial chondromatosis (reported abroad and unable to get specimen)
	(2) Connective tissue with masses of fibroblastic tissue and cartilage with focal calcification/ossification	BPOP
3	(1) Outgrowth of mature lamellar bone and woven bone merging with irregular cartilage cap; cellular island of cartilage toward surface with binucleate chondrocytes and some pleomorphism	BPOP
	(2) Chondroid component active and pushing into adjacent soft tissues; slightly worrying although not infiltrative	BPOP
4	Fragment of cartilaginous tissue with focal calcification and ossification at periphery; chondrocytes are disorganized and degree of pleomorphism; no mitoses	BPOP
5	(1) Thick proliferative cartilage cap over cancellous bone	BPOP
	(2) Well-circumscribed nodular osteochondroid nodule in which there is a background myxochondroid/hypercellular periphery surrounding central osteoid component of lamellar and interconnected woven bone; focal heavy calcification; chondroid background is myxoid with hypercellularity but no atypia	BPOP
6	(1) Cartilage with irregular margin with bone and large amount of spindle cell tissue with chondroid matrix, mitotic activity, and mild pleomorphism in spindle matrix; clear margin with adjacent dense fibrous tissue	BPOP
	(2) Cap of moderate cellular cartilage and fibrous tissue underlying irregular enchondral ossification	BPOP
	(3) Bone and fragments of proliferating cartilage undergoing irregular enchondral ossification	BPOP
7	Multiple nodules of hyaline chondroid tissue partly enclosed by lamellar bone and partly by hyalinized soft tissue; chondroid islands are hypercellular with slight pleomorphism and slightly myxoid background; widespread enchondral ossification and calcification	BPOP
8	Florid and cellular superficial fibrous component that looks active; deep tissue is chondroid with irregular enchondral ossification	BPOP
9	Lobulated mass largely of cartilage; cartilage cap has abrupt transition to trabecular bone that has varying calcification; mature and immature bone trabeculae; interspersed loose woven tissue of bland spindle cells without atypia; osteoblastic activity; hypercellular cartilage with increased cytoplasm and open chromatin; well-defined with surrounding dense fibrous tissue	BPOP
10	(1) Benign osteocartilaginous lesion with bony proliferation	BPOP
	(2) Proliferating fibrous lesion with cartilage cap and underlying trabecular bone separated by fibrous tissue	BPOP
11	(1) Osteocartilaginous lesion with thick cartilage cap in areas of chondrocytes with hypertrophic appearance lying in loose hyaline cartilage; enchondral ossification at base of cartilage that is part typical and part basophilic and irregular; periphery is cellular fibrous tissue with intramembranous ossification with basophilic irregular bony trabeculae; fibrous tissue between irregular bony trabeculae is cellular without atypia	BPOP
12	Mixture of bone and cellular fibrous tissue; transition between fibroblastic proliferation, mature cartilage, and underlying cortical bone	BPOP
13	Proliferating spindle cell component cartilage with marked basophilic calcification and enchondral ossification	BPOP

BPOP = bizarre parosteal osteochondromatous proliferation.

however radiographic reports in the literature of cortico-medullary continuity [18], cortical destruction [10], and intramedullary inflammation [17] in histologically confirmed BPOP. We would recommend, if the clinical and

radiographic appearances are typical and the site also is typical, then radiographic diagnosis is satisfactory. It may be the case that cross-sectional imaging such as CT scanning or MRI is required in cases where radiographs cannot

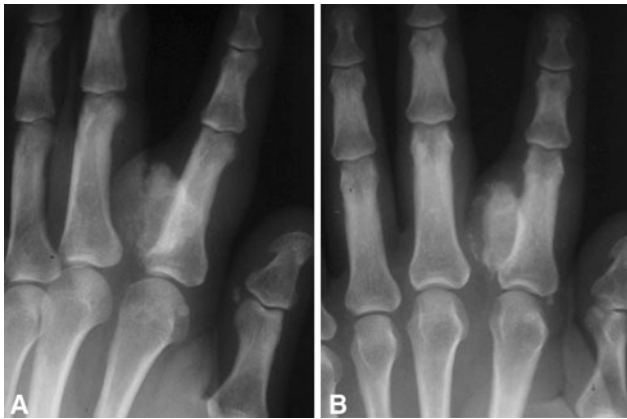


Fig. 4A–B (A) Oblique and (B) AP radiographs show an atypical BPOP lesion with cortical scalloping.



Fig. 6 An AP radiograph shows wide local excision of the BPOP lesion that had cortical scalloping.

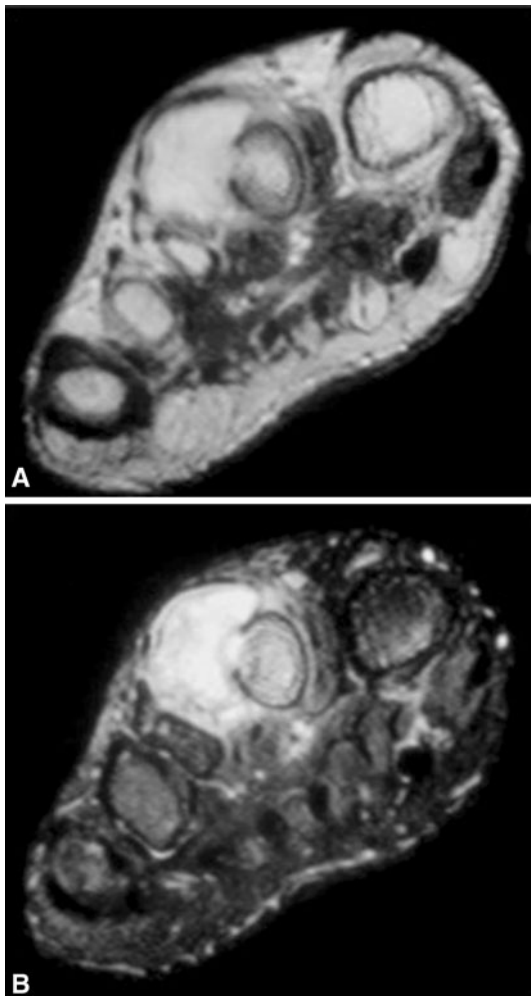


Fig. 5A–B Axial (A) T1- and (B) T2-weighted MR images of an atypical BPOP lesion show cortical breach and medullary inflammation.

exclude cortical involvement. If the lesion appears atypical on radiographs, we would, in agreement with Flint and McKay [7], recommend cross-sectional imaging and histologic confirmation.

For symptomatic lesions with a presumptive diagnosis of BPOP, marginal resection is the preferred treatment. With such treatment, the recurrence rate is high at 50% to 55% [13, 16]. This prompted Michelsen et al. [14] to suggest a more aggressive resection, including the pseudocapsule, periosteum, and decortication of underlying abnormal host bone. They believe this is responsible for their low recurrence rate of 10%. With a wide resection, segmental amputation may occur owing to the location of the lesion in the hands and feet [8], and as this is a benign lesion, a balance needs to be struck between resection margin and function. Therefore, we would recommend a marginal resection as the first-line treatment for primary lesions. We subsequently would suggest a more aggressive resection in keeping with that suggested by Michelsen et al. [14] for recurrent lesions. Our more aggressive approach with recurrent lesions may explain our low rate of secondary recurrence after revision marginal resection (20%).

BPOP is a rare benign mass lesion of probable neoplastic origin that primarily affects the tubular bones of the hands and feet. A combination of radiographic and histologic diagnosis remains the gold standard. Current treatment involves marginal resection; however, patients should be counseled about the high likelihood of recurrence.

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