

# Intracranial tuberculoma

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## Epidemiology

Intracranial tuberculomas are one of the common causes of space-occupying lesions of the brain in developing countries <sup>1)</sup>.

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Intracranial [tuberculoma](#) is an uncommon presentation of [tuberculosis](#), and its occurrence in an intraventricular location is very rare. It is usually confused with glioma, parasitic cyst, and craniopharyngioma. Few case reports exist in the literature on this entity.

The combination of [spinal intramedullary tuberculosis](#) and [intracranial tuberculomas](#) is extremely rare and only few cases have been reported in the literature so far <sup>2) 3) 4) 5) 6)</sup>.

## Classification

see [Intraventricular tuberculoma](#).

## Case reports

A young woman who complained of visual acuity decreased in the right eye for 12 days visited the Department of Ophthalmology. A solitary and occupancy lesion was seen in the posterior pole of the fundus of the patient's right eye, accompanied by intracranial and pulmonary tuberculosis. The diagnosis was choroidal tuberculoma, intracranial tuberculoma, and invasive pulmonary tuberculosis. After anti-tuberculosis treatment, the lesions of lung were better, but the lesions in the right eye and brain were paradoxical worsening. Finally, the lesion was calcification and absorption after combined glucocorticoid therapy <sup>7)</sup>

A case of tuberculoma mimicking a high grade glial tumor on magnetic resonance imaging and clinical presentation. A 30-year-old woman presented with one-month history of epilepsy. Cranial magnetic resonance imaging showed a left occipital peripheral ring-enhanced lesion with central necrosis. There was a strong suspicion of glial tumor. The lesion was totally excised with left occipital craniotomy. Histological examination of mass revealed a tuberculoma. The patient was treated with antituberculous chemotherapy <sup>8)</sup>

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