An unusual cause of forefoot pain

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History

A 19-year-old woman presented with progressive and severe localized pain at the metatarsophalangeal joint of her left toe and had no history of trauma (Fig. 1). Following the removal of the mass, a histopathological examination was done (Fig. 2). What was the diagnosis?

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Fig. 1 **a** Sesamoid radiograph of the patient's left foot. **b** Three-phase isotope bone scan showing a hot-spot at the fibular sesamoid of the left foot. **c** Coronal and sagittal CT reconstruction

Fig. 2 Hematoxylin-eosin stain, $\times 40$