LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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**Inaccurate summary of peripheral nerve sheath tumors in extradigital sites.
Comment on “Hybrid peripheral nerve sheath tumor of the nasal cavity
showing schwannomatous, neurofibromatous, and perineuriomatous areas.
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To the Editor:

Recently we have observed a case of neurofibroma perineurioma, localized on the back in a 45-year-old woman. The diagnosis has been confirmed by Prof. Christopher D.M. Fletcher, Director of Surgical Pathology, Brigham and Women's Hospital. We have reviewed the literature regarding hybrid peripheral nerve sheath tumor. We have read the paper of Kuroda N. et al. entitled “Hybrid peripheral nerve sheath tumor of the nasal cavity showing schwannomatous, neurofibromatous, and perineuriomatous areas,” published in *Medical Molecular Morphology* (2010) 43:82–85.¹ In their Table 1, “Summary of peripheral nerve sheath tumors in extradigital sites,” Kuroda et al. reported four cases. However, the number of reported cases is incomplete. The predilection for fingers of hybrid tumors of nerve sheath was evident in the study of six schwannoma-perineurioma cases of Michal et al.² In the study of these authors, the neoplasm was located on a finger of five patients. After this report, numerous papers have documented extradigital sites of hybrid peripheral nerve sheath tumors. The sites of nine neurofibroma-schwannomas reported by Feany et al.³ are the following: right groin, trunk, left axilla, chest wall, left back, upper arm, left calf, right elbow, and thigh. Emanuel

et al.⁴ have described a case of hybrid perineurioma-schwannoma in the sigmoid colon of a 48-year-old man of Haitian descent. Hornick et al.⁵ have studied 42 cases of hybrid schwannoma-perineurioma. Only 3 cases were localized at the fingers. In a paper reporting an unusual lesion, in particular if it is the first case reported in the literature, the summary of similar neoplasms should be accurate and complete, including all reported cases. Hybrid peripheral nerve sheath tumors in extradigital sites as reported by Kuroda et al. is largely incomplete.

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