WHAT IS YOUR DIAGNOSIS?

In June 2007, an otherwise healthy, 16-year-old male was referred by an orthodontist to the Department of Oral Surgery, Medical College, Jagiellonian University for extraction of retained tooth 43.

Orthopantomography revealed the 2×3 cm cystic radiolucency around retained tooth 43 with its apex reaching the inferior border of the mandibular body (Fig. 1) and displacement of the neighbouring teeth roots. Under local anaesthesia, both the retained tooth and the cyst were removed.

Macroscopically, the pathological specimen consisted of the cystic-like follicle (diam. 28 mm) with a tiny tumour in the wall (diam. 7 mm) and the tooth.

Microscopically, the tumour was assembled of whorled nodules interconnected by a lattice of thin epithelial strands. The columnar cells lined duct-like spaces with a lumen containing eosinophilic material. In the stroma, there were aggregates of eosinophilic hyaline material in-between the strands of epithelial cells (Fig. 2, 3 and 4; lens magnification $10\times$, $20\times$, $60\times$, respectively).



Fig. 1.

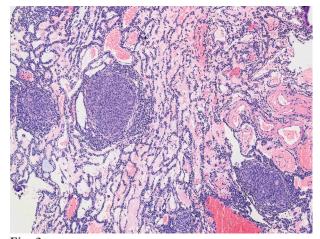


Fig. 2.

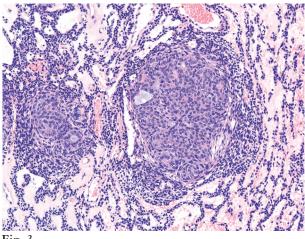
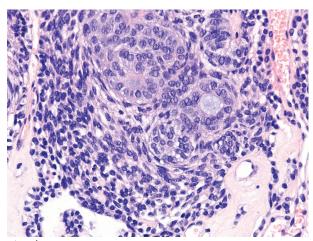


Fig. 3.



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