

Nearly all cases of clear cell carcinoma in the head and neck are a clear cell variant of mucoepidermoid carcinoma which affects the salivary glands. More rarely are cases that involve an unknown primary renal clear cell carcinoma that had metastasized to the upper airway tract. Very few cases reported in literature are a true primary clear cell carcinoma affecting the nasopharynx or oral cavity.¹

Clear cell carcinoma affects the minor salivary glands which are sparsely located in the nasopharynx. The optimal treatment for this malignancy has not been established given its rare nature. Here we describe a case of primary nasopharyngeal clear cell carcinoma staged pT2N0M0 and its management.