CASE 2003-3

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Clinical History: The patient was a 61 year-old, right handed female with a history of hypertension and DM. She presented to our hospital due to a severe, diffuse headache for 1 day. She had been having intermittent headaches and sleeping more since the beginning of September, 2002. She denied visual changes, seizures or trauma to the head. She was awake, alert and oriented, and had proptosis. A bout of nausea/vomiting occurred during the examination. Other neurological examinations were essentially unremarkable. MRI of the head revealed a 6.2 x 2.2 cm extra-axial mass along the lateral aspect of the right temporal and frontal lobes with significant enhancement, small dural tails and marked surrounding edema. Radiologically meningioma was favored.

Material submitted: an H&E section of intracranial tumor

Points for discussion: 1. Diagnosis
                           2. Pathogenesis