



DERMATOLOGICAL SURGERY

ERUPTIVE BASALIOMAS: "WHY WE HAVE TO PERFORM SURGERY?" OR SAID OTHERWISE: "CATCH THE METATYPICAL !"

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Background: Keratinocytic cancers are malignant diseases with a broad incidence of spread which tends to increase during the last couple of decades. The solar radiation plays a dominant role in the occurrence of BCC, but certain genetic phenotypes appear to be risky from an etiological point of view. Metatypical basal cell carcinoma (MTBCC) is a rare variant of BCC which combines the clinical and histological characteristics of BCC and SCC. Clinically they are indistinguishable from the conventional BCC and only the histological examination is able to differentiate them. The MTBCC is a histological subtype which is considered more aggressive due to its ability to produce local recurrences or distant metastases.

Case report: We present a 44-year old patient with multiple BCCs disseminated on the face and body. The biopsy established mixed type histology: three metatypical and four solid BCCs. The lesions were removed via elliptical excision with a field of operational security of 0.5cm in all directions.

Conclusions: The eruptive (multiple) BCCs are a challenge in relation to the choice of a therapy option. This is due to the fact that clinically completely identical tumours show different histopathological characteristics, namely those with a tendency to metastasize. Having in mind one of the hypotheses of metatypical BCC emergence - the improper or inadequate radiotherapy (as a choice of therapy) could trigger the transition of conventional tumour to a metastasizing one, the surgical treatment appears to be the most secure treatment method.

