



SKIN CANCER (OTHER THAN MELANOMA)

## A RARE CUTANEOUS PRESENTATION OF INTRAVASCULAR/ANGIOTROPIC LYMPHOMA

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**Background :** Angiotropic Lymphoma is an extremely rare, aggressive subtype of B-cell lymphoma, characterised by a malignant proliferation of B lymphocytes within the intraluminal space of capillaries, venules or small arteries of the organs. It presents itself with nonspecific features, that usually mislead in finding the diagnosis. Men and women are equally affected. It has a wide presentation, especially in skin and central nervous system but practically every organ can be affected with a great variety of clinically different presentations. The diagnosis, in most cases is made by surgical biopsy. Biopsy and immunohistochemistry have increase the chances of an antemortem diagnosis of this rare disease.

**Observation :** Female patient, 74 years old, was admitted at the hospital because of some lesions in her body that give her discomfort. She complained also for generalised weakness. The lesions began one and a half years ago, initially localized in a small area but then began to spread. Before the skin lesions appear, she had an episode of Cerebrovascular Accident. The lesions were presented in trunk and upper extremities. Her past history was significant for anemia, hypothyroidism and recurrent urinary infections. Also she had an important weight loss during the last year. Low leucocytes, low erythrocytes, low hemoglobin levels and trombocytopenia were present. CT showed hepatosplenomegaly, fibrous interstitial changes in lungs, subbulbar ocular changes and generalised edema of soft tissues. Hystology and immunohistochemistry confirmed the suspected diagnosis of Intravascular/Angiotropic Lymphoma.

**Key message :** We should never underestimate the appearance of an unusual widespread cutaneous teleangiectasia and pathological angiogenesis in the skin because it may be an important presentation feature of an underlying aggressive type of lymphoma.

