



SKIN CANCER (OTHER THAN MELANOMA)

EROSIVE LESION OF THE FACE AND BREAST CANCER : WHAT DIAGNOSIS?

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Background: Cutaneous metastases of breast cancer are a rare and of poor prognosis. Their clinical appearance, location and delay of appearance are variable, which can mislead the diagnosis.

We report the case of an atypical cutaneous metastasis of a breast cancer.

Observation: A 65-year-old woman had an invasive carcinoma of the left breast, readily metastatic to the lung and liver. She has received neoadjuvant chemotherapy with a very good initial response. Then, she received a left Patey, adjuvant radiotherapy and hormone therapy for 5 years.

Three months before her admission, she presented a flesh-colored papule of the outer edge of the left eye. It was painless, rapidly increasing in size.

Clinical examination found an erosive erythematous lesion of the left hemiface, seat of large ulcerations bleeding on contact, very indurated on palpation, blocking the opening of the eye and associated with cervical shielding.

Histology revealed a dermal localization of a poorly differentiated and invasive adenocarcinoma, compatible with the mammary origin. The Hercept test was positive.

MRI showed an uncollected cellulite of the left eyelid and cheek.

The patient received local treatment and was referred to the oncology department for additional care.

After 6 months of evolution, the lesion healed, with complete epidemisation.

Key message: The interest of our case report lies in the rarity of cutaneous metastases of breast cancer, its atypical location on the face, as well as its erosive aspect simulating a radionecrosis.

Invasive mammary carcinoma is very lymphophilic, and known to provide distant metastases.

In our patient, the location of the metastatic lesion at a distance from primary neoplasia, as well as its ulcerated and haemorrhagic appearance, testify to the advanced stage of the cancerous disease.

Therapeutic management is based on palliative chemotherapy, aimed at improving progression-free survival, overall survival and quality of life.

