



SKIN MANIFESTATIONS OF INTERNAL DISEASE

DIFFUSE KAPOSI'S SARCOMA ASSOCIATED TO LYMPHOMA

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Background: An 84-years old lady with one year history of generalised itching, dysgeusia, weakness, nocturnal sweating and a significant weight loss.

Observation: Examination revealed a number of soft, smooth, purplish nodules on the face, scratch marks on trunk and limbs and cervical lymphadenopathy. Oral mucous membrane examination was unremarkable. Investigations showed panleukopenia and a negative HIV test. Computerised Tomography scan of the thorax and abdomen revealed multiple lymphadenopathies and splenomegaly. Biopsies taken from facial lesions and lymphonodes demonstrated Kaposi's Sarcoma (KS) and diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (DLBCL) respectively.

Key message: This case is about the unusual association of facial KS with DLBC in a patient not infected with HIV, which is usually the causative agent for both conditions. In this case, the lymphoma associated immunodepression was the likely causative event for KS. KS is not always associated to AIDS or iatrogenic immunosuppression and the possibility of leukaemia or lymphoma should be considered, especially when present systemic symptoms and lymphadenopathy.

