A Case Report of Erythema Induratum of Bazin's Disease

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Abstract

Introduction: Erythema induratum remains one of the rarely encountered tuberculid although tuberculosis is known to be endemic in the developing countries. We report a case of erythema induratum recently encountered in our centre. Clinical Feature: Clinically, erythema induratum typically manifests as ulcerative and indurated lesions on the lower limbs, especially the calves. Treatment Outcome: The patient responded well to a course of anti-tuberculous therapy with marked resolution of the lesions, suggesting the aetiological role of Mycobacterium tuberculosis in this condition. Conclusion: A short review of the distinguishing features of erythema induratum, the associated classical histological spectrum and the usefulness of polymerase chain reaction in the diagnosis of erythema induratum is given. A search for active foci of tuberculosis is advocated in all cases.

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