Cutaneous Rosai-Dorfman disease: A rare histiocytic disorder



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Introduction

- Rosai-Dorfman Disease (RDD) is also known as sinus histiocytosis with massive lymphadenopathy.
- histiocytic multi-organ non-Langerhans Benign proliferation.
- Most common site is lymph nodes; purely cutaneous RDD is rare (3% of cases).

Discussion

- Classic cutaneous RDD presents as firm red to red-brown or xanthomatous macules, papules, nodules or plaques.
- Clinical lesions of RDD are relatively non-specific, & other histiocytoses, infectious processes, sarcoidosis, & infiltrative disorders are the differential diagnosis.
- Cutaneous histopathology may be very non-specific, and immunohistochemistry might help.
- Disease may be self-limited due to spontaneous resolution.
- persistent disease- surgical excision, corticosteroids, thalidomide, cryosurgery, radiotherapy, dapsone, isotretinoin, interferon α , acitretin, and pulsed dye laser have been used.

Conclusion

■ This rare histiocytic disorder, purely cutaneous RDD, is characterized by non-specific clinical features, but more specific histopathology and immunohistochemistry findings.

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Case Report

Clinical



- A 33-year old man presented with an asymptomatic, erythematous to hyperpigmented, gradually progressive, painless plaque on his right thigh for four months.
- No lymphadenopathy, fever or weight loss.
- On examination, there was an ill-defined, light-brown to skin colored swelling of size 10 X 12 cm over medial aspect of his thigh with overlying multiple, closelyaggregated, dark-brown hyperpigmented papules and nodules

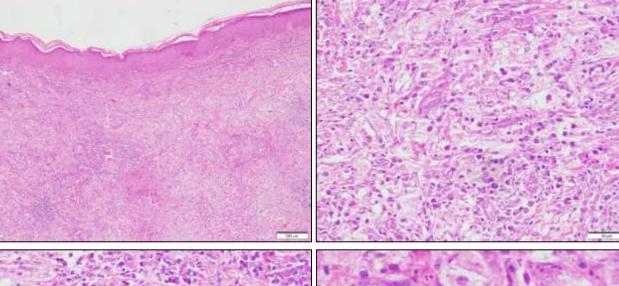


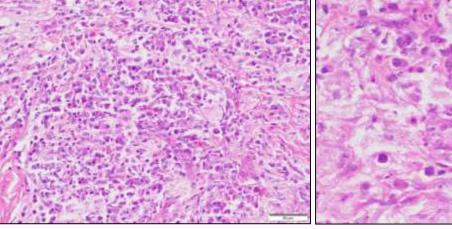
Treated with 4 sessions of intralesional triamcinolone 10mg/ml, every 3 weeks with partial (75%) improvement

Laboratory Investigations

- CBC, LFT, RFT- normal
 MRI- III-defined homogenously Chest X-ray - normal
 - enhancing subcutaneous swelling

Histopathology





Dense nodular collections of foamy histiocytes, lymphocytes, histiocytes, plasma cells, neutrophils and few eosinophils in the dermis, with evidence of emperipolesis

