

LA TUMEUR DE BUSCHKE-LOWENSTEIN : UNE LOCALISATION BILATÉRALE INHABITUELLE.

Mohamed Ali SBAI *, Walid BALTI**, Slim DHAHAK **, Selma BEN ROMDHANE**, Massoued TABIB *, Hedi BALTI ** .

* Department of orthopaedic surgery Maamouri Hospital Nabeul.

** Department of plastic surgery, FSI Hospital– La Marsa-Tunis.

M.Ali Sbai, W.Balti, S.Dhahk 2 , S.Ben Romdhane, M.Tabib, H.Balti

M.Ali Sbai, W.Balti, S.Dhahk 2 , S.Ben Romdhane, M.Tabib, H.Balti

LA TUMEUR DE BUSCHKE-LOWENSTEIN : UNE LOCALISATION BILATÉRALE INHABITUELLE.

BUSCHKE LOWENSTEIN TUMOR: UNUSUAL BILATERAL LOCALIZATION.

LA TUNISIE MEDICALE - 2009 ; Vol 87 (n°09) : 627 - 629

LA TUNISIE MEDICALE - 2009 ; Vol 87 (n°09) : 627 - 629

RÉSUMÉ

Pré requis : Les tumeurs de Buschke-Lowenstein (BL) ou condylomes acuminés géants sont rares, et font parties des carcinomes verruqueux du fait de leur potentiel évolutif local agressif. Une transformation maligne sous forme de carcinome micro invasif ou de carcinome épidermoïde kératinisant bien différencié a été décrite dans la littérature d'où l'intérêt d'un diagnostic précoce et d'un traitement chirurgical consistant en une exérèse complète de la lésion, pour prévenir les récurrences et leur transformation maligne.

But : Nous rapportons une observation de tumeur de Buschke-Lowenstein à localisation inhabituelle, et nous la discutons à travers les données de la littérature.

Observation : Un homme âgé de 50ans avait consulté pour une tumeur bilatérale des deux fesses, le diagnostic tumeur de Buschke-Lowenstein était suspecté cliniquement et confirmé par l'examen anatomopathologique de la pièce d'exérèse. La perte de substance résiduelle a été couverte par un lambeau grand fessier en VY après confirmation de diagnostic par l'examen anatomopathologique.

SUMMARY

Background: The tumor of buschke lowenstein or giant condyloma acuminata is a pseudo-epitheliomatous proliferation belonging to verrucous carcinoma group due to their aggressive local evolution. A malignant change as micro invasive carcinoma or epidermoid keratinizing carcinoma well-differentiated was reported. Diagnosis and surgical treatment represents an efficient alternative at the moment that must be precocious and large due to the frequencies of local recurrences and malignant change.

Aim: We present in this study an observation of an unusual localization of buschke Lowenstein tumor with review of literature.

Case report: 50 year-old men presented with bilateral tumours in the buttock area whose diagnosis of buschke Lowenstein tumour has been clinically suspected and confirmed by biopsy and histopathologic study. The cover has been achieved by VY fascio-cutaneous flaps of the muscle gluteus maximus.

MOTS-CLÉS

Tumeur Buschke-Lowenstein -fesse- Chirurgie- Lambeau grand fessier VY.

KEY-WORDS

Buttock Buschke-Lowenstein tumor-Surgery-VY gluteus maximus flap

The tumor of Buschke-Lowenstein or giant condyloma acuminata is a pseudoepitheliomatous proliferation belonging to verrucous carcinoma group due to their aggressive local evolution. The localizations of this gigantic condyloma are mainly anorectal and penial. We present in this study, an observation of an unusual localization of Buschke-Lowenstein tumour in the buttock area, whose diagnosis has been clinically suspected and confirmed by biopsy and histopathologic study.

CASE REPORT

Mr. G.M aged 50 years old, married, without case history, has developed verrucous swelling since 10 years ago based in the genitoscrotal area, treated by cryotherapy.

The patient presented since 4 years reappearance of two painful swellings in the buttocks area that rapidly increased in size. The clinical exam, showed the presence of 2 exophytic bud formations that have a venereal aspect, measuring 4 cm of diameter each, sessile cauliflower-like, where pressure lets spring a shady liquid. The rectal touch discovered a soft partition, not of mass intra rectal, nor opening of fistula. The somatic exam is otherwise without particularities. The diagnosis of HPV tumour is established by biopsy of the lesion. Based in These results, we have conducted a large excision of the two tumours with 1 cm limit and reaching in depth the gluteus maximus muscle. The histopathologic examination of the extraction piece, showed a mass papered by a papillomatosis malpighian, acanthosis and parakeratosis epithelium.

The superficial layers represent koilocytis and binuclear cells due to an infection caused by the HPV. The epithelial cells represent atypical curved nuclear with hyperchromasis. The underneath chorion includes a polymorphous inflammatory infiltrate. Aspect evoking the diagnosis of Buschke-Lowenstein tumour. The cover has been achieved by VY fascio-cutaneous flaps of the muscle gluteus maximus.

DISCUSSION

The first description of Buschke-Lowenstein date from 1896 and only in 1925 that Buschke and Lowenstein's made a fully-fledged entity of it for penis localization (10).

Clinically, the tumor appears as a bud $\pm$ ulcerated lesion, with necrosis zones looking like a cauliflower. It can occur to all ages after the puberty, but as per our observation, it predominates between the 4th and 6th decades, with a higher frequency for the immunosuppressed. The sex ration men-women are roughly of 2.3/1 (17).

The tumor is more often localized in the balanopreputial area for men (4) and at the vulvar region for women (23%). The localization in the buttocks area has never been reported in medical literature and this is what makes our observation so special. The tumor spreads in surface and in depth, and can be complicated by an invasion of the neighbourhood structures, super infection and fistulization to the nearby organs. An infection to papillomavirus has been proven in the condyloma acuminata and the Buschke-Lowenstein tumours, mainly HPV

6 and 11, although some cases of infection by HPV 16 or 18 have been described (1,7,12).

The spontaneous regression is exceptional, and the local recurrence can be seen especially after an incomplete resection and can reach 65% in the perianal localizations. A malignant change as micro invasive carcinoma or epidermoid keratinizing carcinoma well-differentiated (9,16), was reported in 30 to 56% cases among series of Buschke-Lowenstein perianal tumors with weak risk of ganglionic metastases and exceptional visceral metastases (18,19,20). Its histologic characteristics are similar to those of the a giant condyloma acuminata with papillomatosis, acanthosis, hypertrophy of the basal layer, hyperkeratosis and variable parakeratosis and underlying inflammation with a respected basal membrane. The surgery remains the main therapeutic, which must be precocious and large, in order to avoid the tumorous recurrence. In this way a safety margin of 2 cm is necessary, with in depth, an excision that must reach the papillary dermis (2). In addition to the surgical treatment, several other attitudes have been proposed in the literature.

The podophyllin, 5fluorouracile ointment and chemotherapy containing méthotrexate and cisplatine are used with mediocre result (11). The cryotherapy and the destruction with laser are often insufficient and do not permit the histological confirmation of the extracted piece. The radiotherapy is used for the non surgical recurrence or in complement in case of incomplete extraction. The alpha interferon has been used in the treatment of the condyloma with good results (8,13,14,15). The imiquimod has equality proved its efficiency with a ratio of complete recovery of 47.8% to 16 weeks and a rate of recurrence of 23% to 6 months (5). Therefore, the treatment must remain surgical every time possible, due to the frequency of the recurrences, and the possible malignant transformation of the lesions. A regular and prolonged surveillance of the patients is vital after the treatment, in order to track down all possible recurrence in time. The prevention is essentially based on the hygiene and the prophylaxis of the sexually transferable diseases and the treatment of all urethritis, balanitis and vulvo-vaginitis, chronic or recurring (3).

CONCLUSION

The Buschke-Lowenstein tumor is a rare affection that belongs to the verrucous carcinoma group. Its malignant clinical character that contradicts with the histological data makes the diagnosis doubtful. The surgical treatment represents an efficient alternative at the moment that must be precocious and large, due to the frequencies of local recurrences.

REFERENCES

1. Bocquet H, Bagot M, Lésions tumorales bénignes associées aux papillomavirus humains. EMC-Dermatologie Cosmétologie 2004 ; 1 : 97-112.
2. Lévy A, Lebbe C. Prise en charge des tumeurs de Buschke-Löwenstein. Annales d'urologie 2006 ; 40 : 175-178.

3. Garozzo G., Nuciforo G., Rocchi C.M., Bonanno N.M., Sampugnaro E.G., Piccione S., Di Stefano A., Acquaviva G., Barberi A.L., Panella M. Buschke-Lowenstein tumour in pregnancy. *European Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Biology* 2003;111: 88-90.
4. Qarro A., Ait Ali A., Choho A., Alkandry S., Borki K. Tumeur de Buschke-Lowenstein à localisation anorectale, à propos de trois cas. *Annales de chirurgie* 2005;130: 96-100.
5. Garland SM, Sellors JW, Wilkstrom A, Petersen CS, Aranda C, Aractingi S, et al. Imiquimod 5% cream is safe and effective self-applied treatment for anogenital warts--results of an open-label, multicentre Phase IIIB trial. *Int J STD AIDS* 2001; 12:722-729.
6. Reichenbach I, Koebele A, Foliguet B, et al. A Busche and Lowenstein tumor in a female patient. *J Gynecol Obstet Biol Reprod (Paris)* 1995; 24:491-5.
7. Boshart SE, Darlfer MM. Human papillomavirus in Buschke Lowenstein tumor: Physical state of the DNA and identification of tandem duplication in the non-coding region of a HPV 6 Subtype, *J. Virolo* 1986; 58: 963- 967.
8. Petersen CS, Bjerring P, Larsen J, Blaakaer J, Hagdrup H, From E, et al. Systemic interferon alpha-2b increases the cure rate in laser treated patients with multiple persistent genital warts: a placebo controlled study. *Genitourin Med* 1991; 67:99-102.
9. Creasman C, Haas PA, Fox TA, Balazs M. Malignant transformation of anorectal giant condyloma acuminatum (Buschke-Löwenstein tumor). *Dis Colon Rectum* 1989; 32:481-7.
10. Chu QD, Vezeridis MP, Libbey NP, Wanebo HJ. Giant condyloma acuminatum (Buschke-Löwenstein tumor) of the anorectal and perianal regions: analysis of 42 cases. *Dis Colon Rectum* 1994;37:950-7.
11. Ilkay AK, Chodak GW, Vogelzang NJ, Gerber GS. Buschke-Löwenstein tumour: therapeutic options including systemic chemotherapy. *Urology* 1993; 42:599-601.
12. Fukunaga M, Yokoi K, Miyazawa Y, Harada T, Ushigome S. Penile verrucous carcinoma with anaplastic transformation following radiotherapy: a case report with human papillomavirus typing and flow cytometric DNA studies. *Am J Surg Pathol* 1994;18: 501-5.
13. Eron LJ, Judson F, Tucker S, Prawer S, Mills J, Murphy K, et al. Interferon therapy for condyloma acuminata. *N Engl J Med* 1986;315:1059-64.
14. Zachariae H, Larsen PM, Sogaard H. Recombinant interferon alpha-2A (Roferon-A) in a case of Buschke-Löwenstein giant condyloma. *Dermatologica* 1988; 177:175-9.
15. Geusau A, Heinz-Peer G, Volc-Platzer B, Stingl G, Kirnbauer R. Regression of deeply infiltrating giant condyloma (Buschke-Löwenstein tumor) following long-term intralesional interferon alpha therapy. *Arch Dermatol* 2000; 136:707-10.
16. Martin F, Dalac S, Lambert D. Carcinome verruqueux (situation nosologique, à propos de quatre cas). *Ann Dermatol. Venerol* 1995; 122: 399-403.
17. Meli S, Sebastio N, Azzolini N, Ferri E, Cortellini P. Buschkelowenstein tumor: report of 2 clinical cases. *Acta Biomed Ateneo Parmense* 2000;71: 179-82.
18. Dolanc R, Kocher T, Langer I, Marti WR, Pierer G, Harder F. Malignant transformation of perianal Buschke-Lowenstein tumor. Extensive abdomino perineal rectum excision and reconstruction with trans pelvic myocutaneous rectus abdominis muscle flap. *Chirurg* 2002; 73:370-4.
19. Moreira PM, Perez LA, Colome EM. Giant inguinal condyloma (Buschke Lowenstein tumor) with a clinical aspect of squamous carcinoma, *Rev Cubana Med Trop* 2000;52: 70-2.
20. Schwartz RAJ. Buschke Lowenstein Tumor: Verrucous carcinoma of the penis. *Am. Acad. Dermatol* 1990; 23: 723-7.

Picture 1: Aspect of the tumors**Picture 2:** VY fascio-cutaneous flap of the muscle gluteus maximus.**Picture 3-4:** Final results