

Lung cancer skin metastasis

A 38-year-old man presented with multiple asymptomatic red nodules on his right chest wall for six-months duration [Figure 1]. Three years ago, a bronchoscopic biopsy confirmed the diagnosis of lung adenocarcinoma. He received chemotherapy eight times and responded poorly. Chest computed tomography (CT) scan revealed metastasis in the lungs and bone. The pathology of the nodule displayed

the eosinophilic cytoplasmic tumour cell clusters in the dermis, with mitosis and glandular differentiation, similar to the primary lung tumour [Figure 2a]. Immunohistochemical staining showed that the tumour cells were positive for CK7, P63 while negative for CK20 [Figure 2b–2d]. Finally, the diagnosis of lung cancer skin metastasis was made.



Figure 1: Multiple red nodules on the right chest wall.

Figure 2: (a) Eosinophilic cytoplasmic tumour cell clusters in the dermis (Haematoxylin and eosin, 15x), (b) Positive immunohistochemical staining for CK7 (15x), (c) Positive immunohistochemical staining for p63 (15x), (d) Negative immunohistochemical staining for CK20 (15x).

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