

Cutaneous metastasis as the primary manifestation of large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma of lung



Figure 1: (a) Well-demarcated, erythematous nodules on the scalp and beard area. (b) Chest radiography showing a round opacity in the middle zone of the right lung (arrow)

A 55-year-old male presented with asymptomatic, 1 to 3 cm, erythematous nodules on the scalp and beard for a month [Figure 1a]. Our differential diagnoses included lymphoma, pseudolymphoma and cutaneous metastasis. Histopathological examination showed a poorly differentiated metastatic tumor. Immunohistochemical stains were positive for synaptophysin, chromogranin a, cytokeratin 7 and vimentin indicating a metastatic large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma. Chest radiography showed a round opacity in the middle zone of the right lung representing the primary tumour [Figure 1b]. Chemotherapy with cisplatin was initiated but he died 4 months later.

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