Author's response to reviews

Title: Recurrent pyoderma gangrenosum precipitated by breast cancer - case report and literature review

Authors:

Renata Duchnowska (rdtt@wp.pl)
Ewa Ziajka (ewaziajka@wp.pl)
Agnieszka Góralska (agamajag@wp.pl)
Bartłomiej Grala (gralab@wp.pl)

Version: 2
Date: 6 April 2014

Author's response to reviews: see over
Prof. Michael Kidd AM, Flinders University,
Editor, Journal of Medical Case Reports

Dear Prof. Kidd,

We appreciate the thoughtful comments offered by the reviewer and the opportunity to revise our manuscript. We have reproduced the reviewer’s comments below in italics; followed by notations of respective changes.

The only minor information that would make the report more complete is the information on the concurrent medication ie is the patient on any long-term treatment for previous rheumatoid arthritis?

The sentence „Since then, rheumatoid arthritis had been quiescent…” has been supplemented by “and had not required any therapy”

Why her breast cancer was not treated promptly and why chemotherapy, apparently quicker treatment response, was not considered?

“Due to social factors”, (has been added before: breast cancer treatment was initiated only 5 months after the diagnosis of pyoderma. Anticancer therapy in this patient was followed international recommendations. The patient was diagnosed with strongly estrogen-receptor positive breast cancer with no life threatening symptoms, therefore a typical first-line induction endocrine therapy with induction aromatase inhibitor was introduced, with letrozole at a daily dose of 2.5 mg). The explanation has been added in the new version.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,
Renata Duchnowska, MD