Mogamulizumab- induced granulomatous eruption of the scalp: a distinct entity associated with clinical response?

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Mogamulizumab : anti-CC chemokine receptor 4 (CCR4) antibody Treatment of patients with mycosis fungoides (MF) and Sézary syndrome (SS)

→ CCR4+ cells depletion (T-cell lymphomas cells and T-reg)

Among 25 patients treated with MOGA \rightarrow 6 developed squamous, folliculotropic and infiltrated plaques on the scalp and alopecia











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Patients	Age sex	TNM Stage	Prior therapies	Side effect type	Histological description	Time to onset (months)	Best global response	TCR rearrangement In skin biopsy	PFS (months)	Follow- up time (months)	MOGA discontinuation
1	66 F	T4N3M0B2	MTX	Scarring alopecic plaque, pre- auricular infiltrated bilateral plaque	Lymphocytes infiltrate Granuloma	5	CR	Polyclonal	32	32	No
2	63 F	T4N0M0B1	IFN, bexarotene ECP	Scalp erythema, pre-auricular bilateral plaque and patches erythematous	Lymphocytes and eosinophils infiltrate, Granuloma	5	CR	Polyclonal	32	32	No
3	57 M	T4N3M0B2	chemo	Infiltrated plaques and nodules of the retro-auricular area and the scalp	Lymphocytes and granulomatous infiltrate	46	CR	ND	48	48	No
4	67 F	T4N0M0B1	MTX, bexarotene, ECP vorinostat	Scarring alopecic plaque	Lymphocytes and eosinophils infiltrate Granuloma	10	CR	Polyclonal	72	72	Yes (End of clinical trial and CR)
5	71 F	T2N0M0B2	MTX bexarotene ECP	Scarring alopecic plaque	Lymphocytes and eosinophils infiltrate Granuloma	6	CR	Polyclonal	19	39	Yes (Scarring alopecic progression and CR)
6	61 F	T4N0M0B1	MTX, bexarotene	Erythematous and infiltrated plaques and alopecia on the scalp, erythematous plaques on the back	Lymphocytes infiltrate, folliculotropic, granulomas	9	CR	ND	10	10	No



« MOGA associated rash » ^{1, 2, 3} (MAR)

- Median time to onset : 4 months (up to > 3 years)
- Heterogenous clinical presentation but may mimic MF, head and neck location
- Histology: spongiotic or psoriasiform, interface dermatitis, or granulomatous

Here we report 6 cases of **« folliculotropic-MF-like scalp plaques with alopecia »**¹

- Difficult-to-treat (topical steroids, intralesional steroids, doxycyclin..)
- All patients reached CR \rightarrow may be associated with good response to MOGA (shift to Th1 milieu + Treg depletion \rightarrow granulomas?)
- New eruption during MOGA treatment \rightarrow Suspect MAR and biopsy (may mimic MF)
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