Tozinameran

Cutaneous sarcoid-like granulomatous reaction: case report

A 73-year-old woman developed cutaneous sarcoid-like granulomatous reaction following vaccination with tozinameran for COVID-19 [dosage and route not stated].

The woman presented with painful skin lesions on her arms and legs. Physical examination revealed painful erythematous violaceous nodules on her arms and legs, suggestive of erythema nodosum-like lesions. The nodules were warm, mobile and tender on palpation. She had a medical history of mild SARS-CoV-2 infection in January 2021, which was treated with acetaminophen. In March 2021, erythema nodosum-like lesions were first reported that regressed in the following weeks. However, the lesions recurred after administration of the first dose of tozinameran [BNT162b2 vaccine; Comirnaty, Pfizer/BioNTech] vaccine. During ultrasound examination in July 2021, skin lesions were observed as multiple dermo-hypodermal inflammatory lesions with a nonhomogeneous hypoechoic pattern. Skin biopsy confirmed noncaseating giant-cell sarcoid granulomas. Immunohistochemistry revealed CD4⁺ T-lymphocyte infiltrate and high CD4/CD8 ratio. She was diagnosed with SARS-CoV-2 induced sarcoid-like granulomatous reaction.

The woman was treated with methylprednisolone. Furthermore, she received ciclosporin. Her condition improved after four weeks of treatment.

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