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HISTOPATHOLOGIC AND CLINICAL FEATURES OF RAPIDLY PROGRESSIVE ALK-NEGATIVE CUTANEOUS ANAPLASTIC LARGE T-CELL LYMPHOMA

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Anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL) is a rare type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma (NHL) of the T-cell origin. A diagnosis of ALCL requires tumor biopsy with histopathological verification. The morphological features require T cell immunophenotyping with a positive expression of CD3 or CD4 immunological markers, and CD30 expression in all neoplastic cells is a must. A 46 old male patient with advanced ALK-negative cutaneous ALCL, with a rapidly progressive clinical course, is presented. Given a significant difference in the prognosis between ALK-negative systemic ALCL and cutaneous forms of ALCL, a close collaboration between oncologists/hematologists, pathologists, and dermatologists is the best guarantee for a correct diagnosis and proper treatment. *Acta Medica Medianae* 2017;56(3):55-61.

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