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Rare manifestation of myeloma

Mr. P.B., 45 year old male, resident of Tripura, was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, two and half years back. He was treated with Bortezomib & Dexamethasone and was keeping well. Thereafter, for the last one and half years, was lost to followup. Last month, he attended our Out Patient Department with symptoms of yellowish discoloration of eyes and urine, along with skin lesions, anorexia and severe weakness. Investigations revealed he had jaundice, examination revealed multiple large nodular erythematous lesions over his face and chest. CT scan whole abdomen done, which showed pancreatic lesions and lower abdominal mass. The obstructive jaundice was due to the pancreatic mass, compressing the CBD. Skin biopsy revealed cutaneous myeloma. Immunohistochemistry revealed CD 138 (+) ve plasma cells in the tissue. He was subsequently advised chemotherapy.

Discussion: Cutaneous myeloma is an extremely rare entity. There are only a few case reports of this manifestation of myeloma, in existing literature. In those reports, patients initially presented with skin lesions and were diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma on further investigations. In contrast, our patient developed skin lesions on recurrence.