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Concomitant simple limbal epithelial transplantation after surgical excision of ocular surface squamous neoplasia

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Abstract:

Purpose: To compare the surgical outcomes of ocular surface squamous neoplasia (OSSN) following wide excisional biopsy with and without primary simple limbal epithelial transplantation (p-SLET).

Design: Non-randomized clinical study with historical controls

Methods: Setting: Single-institutional study

Patients: 8 patients who underwent wide excisional biopsy of OSSN without p-SLET (historical controls)

and 7 patients with p-SLET (cases)

Intervention: Wide excisional biopsy, p-SLET

Main Outcome Measures: Limbal stem cell deficiency (LSCD)

Results: The tumor features between cases versus historical controls including mean number of limbal clock hours affected by OSSN (6 vs 4; p=0.12), mean tumor basal dimension (13 mm vs 8 mm; p=0.11), and mean number of clock hours of corneo-scleral limbal dissection due to wide tumor excision (8 vs 7; p=0.12) were comparable. The occurrence of partial LSCD in historical controls vs cases was 75% vs 0% (p=0.007) at a mean follow-up period of 12 months in both groups. Of these 6 historical controls that developed LSCD, pannus was noted in 1 (13%) and pseudopterygium extending onto the cornea in 5 (63%) patients. The mean number of clock hours of LSCD was 3 (median, 2; range, 2 to 6) in these historical controls. The mean time interval between surgical excision of OSSN and onset of LSCD was 8 weeks (median, 6 weeks; range, 6 to 12 weeks).

Conclusion: Corneo-scleral limbal dissection of ≥ 6 clock hours during wide excision of OSSN can cause LSCD. Concomitant p-SLET after surgical excision of OSSN prevents LSCD in cases requiring extensive corneo-scleral limbal dissection.

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