Bilateral Proptosis in Lymphoma

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Clinical Image

The case is a 39-years-old man who presented with 2 months history of bilateral proptosis and enlargement of lacrimal gland (Figure 1), weight loss (14 kg) and sweating. He was well before. On examination, small cervical lymph nodes and splenomegaly were detected. Computed Tomography (CT) of orbits revealed multiple conglomerate nodules in intraconal and extraconal compartments with compressive effect on the orbital components (Figure 2). Abdominal CT scan also showed splenomegaly and multiple paraaortic lymphadenopathies. Blood and serology test, including serum IgG4 level, were normal. An excisional biopsy from cervical lymph node showed small to medium sized atypical lymphocytes with a CD10+/CD20+/BCL2+/CD5-/Cyclin D1 pattern of immunostaining, consistent with grade 2 follicular lymphoma (Figure 3). Combination chemotherapy with (R-CHOP) resulted in complete response and resolution of symptoms after six cycle of treatment. Bilateral proptosis and lacrimal enlargement are rare initial manifestations of follicular lymphoma that should be considered in differential diagnosis.

Figure 1: Bilateral proptosis and enlargement of lacrimal gland.

Figure 2: Compressive effect on the orbital components.

Figure 3: Consistent with grade 2 follicular lymphoma.