

Case Report Section

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The rare t(4;12)(q11;p13) in an elderly patient with de novo AML with multilineage dysplasia co-expressing stem cell markers

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Clinics

Age and sex

84 years old female patient.

Previous history

No preleukemia, No previous malignancy, No inborn condition of note

Organomegaly

No hepatomegaly, no splenomegaly, no enlarged lymph nodes, no central nervous system involvement

Blood

WBC: 30.2X 10⁹/l

HB: 11.8g/dl

Platelets: 189X 10⁹/l

Bone marrow: 20%

Cyto-Pathology Classification

Cytology

(FAB) M2 with maturation; myeloid/stem cell.

Immunophenotype

CD13+, CD33+, CD7+, CD34+, CD117+, HLA-DR+

Rearranged Ig Tcr: -

Pathology

Numerous mononuclear megakaryocytes. Active erythropoiesis. Active granulopoiesis, hypogranular neutrophils, giant band forms, donut nuclei, pseudo

Pelger-Huet anomalies. Blasts have moderate nuclear: cytoplasmic ratio.

Diagnosis

De novo AML with multilineage dysplasia.

Survival

Date of diagnosis: 03-2002

Treatment: Palliative treatment with oral etoposide.

Complete remission: no

Treatment related death: no

Status: Death. Last follow up: 07-2002.

Survival: 4 months

Karyotype

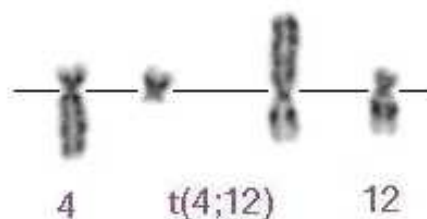
Sample: Bone marrow

Culture time: 24h

Banding: GTL

Results:

46,XX,t(4;12)(q11;p13)[15]/46,XX[5]



t(4;12)(q11;p13) GTL banded.

Comments

This elderly woman did not receive induction chemotherapy. Her disease rapidly progressed from a smouldering leukaemia to a florid form. Findings are consistent with previous reports of t(4;12) with stem cell leukaemia in older patients, and with rarity of additional cytogenetic changes.

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