



Advanced malignant melanoma with multiple metastases

The patient is a Norwegian woman, born in 1966, in whom a malignant melanoma was removed from the left thigh in February 2001.

In December 2004 two nodules appeared over respectively the left and the right clavicle. Biopsy showed recurrence of the malignant melanoma. Computertomography (CT) in February 2005 showed multiple metastases: a big expansive tumor in the mediastinum (the space between the two lungs), enlargement of the left suprarenal gland, lesions in the right and left lung, many enlarged lymph glands around trachea (the wind-pipe), lesions in the liver, abdomen, and many metastases under the skin. The bloodtests for the liver were abnormal, and there was fluid in the left pleura.

The patient first recieved radiation against the tumor in the mediastinum, 10 x 3 Gy, finished on the 8th March, and then chemotherapy with DTIC on the 17th March and the 8th April. CT on the 26th April showed a mixed response, and as this was found unsatisfactory the chemotherapy was changed to Lomustine, which was given on the 11th May and the 27th June. CT on the 10th August again showed a mixed response with progression of the metastases as the dominant feature, and the patient now was told in Norway that they had no further therapies for her.

The patient arrived at Humlegaarden on the 19th May and started therapy with Iscador PcHg (the mistletoe), with local hyperthermia and dendritic cell vaccinations from Germany (the 16th June, the 27th July, the 2nd September and the 6th October). On the 7th September we started with Temodal (temozolamide) for 5 days every 4th week. Also on the cox-2-inhibitor Celebrex.

A new CT on the 4th October showed size-reduction of the big metastases in the left lung and the left suprarenal gland and also of many metastases in the chestregion, in the liver and the fatty tissue in the abdomen. Certain metastases have disappeared completely and only one very small newcomer was found in a muscle.

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The patient of course is happy and feeling very fine.

Conclusion

The above-case story illustrates how you often obtain far better results when you combine the chemotherapy with complementary treatments like the mistletoe (*viscum album*), hyperthermia, dendritic cell vaccinations and cox-2-inhibitors.