Letter to the Editor

Unexplained splenic cyst in a patient with breast cancer after receiving Tian Xian Liquid

Sir,

The use of alternative treatment for cancer management is interesting. In the present day, co-usage of alternative regimen is widely seen, and its effect on the cancerous patient should be discussed.[1] Here, the authors report on an interesting case of unexplained splenic cyst occurring in a patient with breast cancer after receiving Tian Xian liquid. The case is a 55-years-old female with ductal carcinoma of breast. She had ever got docetaxel and capecitabine, but she changed to use Tian Xian liquid instead for 2 months. The post-Tian Xian liquid administration CT-Scan showed the occurrence of new splenic cyst. The physician in charge was consulted for possible explanation of occurrence of this new unexplained splenic cyst. The laboratory investigations showed that complete blood count and tumor markers in this patient were within normal limit. The use of Tian Xian liquid is suspected for the possible stimulator of the spleen. It is proposed that an action of Tian Xian liquid is an immune stimulation substance that can also activate the splenic cells.[2,3] Focusing on many Chinese herbs, stimulation of the spleen is the main ethnomedical goal. The results from stimulation can be the enlargement of spleen as well as the splenic cyst, and this can be the questionable finding for the practitioners who are not familiar to the Chinese alternative medicine.

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