Trabectedin-related rhabdomyolysis: an uncommon but fatal toxicity

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ABSTRACT

Rhabdomyolysis is defined as the dissolution of striped muscle characterized by the leakage of intracellular muscle components into the circulation, which can ultimately lead to renal failure with a possible fatal outcome. Trabectedin is a potential cause of rhabdomyolysis. Herein, we describe a case of rhabdomyolysis in a female patient with recurrent metastatic leiomyosarcoma of the uterus and who had full recovery, and we review the already published cases in order to identify a common pattern of emergence.

Key words: trabectedin, rhabdomyolysis, survival, outcome.

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