



WOLF IN SHEEP'S DRESS

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15 Years boy X from west bengal presented to ED with

- High grade intermittent fever for 15 days.
- Erythematous rashes all over body associated with itching 3 days after onset of fever.
- Right sided abdominal pain, non bilious vomiting, myalgia and arthralgia .
- Yellowish discolouration of sclera-7 days, High coloured urine
- Facial puffiness and swelling of legs-7 days
- No h/o abdominal distension/ LOA/LOW
- No h/o breathlessness/chest pain/palpitation
- No h/o joint swelling.

- Treated with cocktail of antibiotics (Ceftriaxone/metronidazole/clindamycin/piperacillin/amikacin/ofloxacin/?vancomycin)

PAST HISTORY:

No h/o contact with TB

2 Months before, had oral ulcer for 7 days treated with oral medication.

O/E

- No pallor/Cyanosis
- Icterus present.
- Tender cervical, axillary and inguinal lymphadenopathy.
- Facial puffiness +, Bilateral pitting pedal odema +, generalised maculopapular rashes
- P/A: Ascites +, Tender hepatomegaly (4cm RCM), spleen tip palpable
- Cardiovascular, Respiratory and central nervous system normal





FEVER +ERYTHEMATOUS
RASHES+ICTERUS+ANASARCA+TENDER
LYMPHADENOPATHY+TENDER
HEPATOMEGALY

DD??????????

- INFECTIOUS CAUSE
- CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS
- HEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCY

INVESTIGATIONS(OUTSIDE)

| | 11/2/15 | 13/2/15 | 14/2/15 | 17/2/15 |
|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| HEMO GLOBIN | 11.8 | 11.2 | 10.6 | 8.7 |
| TOTAL COUNTS | 21,600 (N65L30E3M1) | 29,700 (N60L25E2M8) | 33,600 | 32,100 |
| PLATELETS | 1,74,000 | 1,52,000 | | |
| ESR | 47 | 5 | | |

INVESTIGATIONS IN ACH

| | 19/2/2015 | 21/2/2015 |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| HEMOGLOBIN | 10.5 | 9.7 |
| WBC | 64,500(N59L24E12) | 55,500(N51L27E16M1) |
| PLATELETS | 2,21,000 | 1,33,000 |
| CRP | 8.53 | |

PERIPHERAL SMEAR:LEUCOCYTOSIS WITH MYELOID SHIFT,EOSINOPHILA,TOXIC CHANGES AND REACTIVE LYMPHOCYTES

SERUM BILIRUBIN

4.8(D-4.2, ID-0.6)

SERUM ALBUMIN

2.5G/DL

SERUM GLOBULIN

2.4G/dl

SGOT

1350U/L

SGPT

1075U/L

SAP

1645

GGTP

455

- BLOOD UREA-45→37→34MG/DL
- SERUM CREATININE-0.8→0.5→0.5
- SERUM ELECTROLYTES-NORMAL

COAGULATION PROFILE:

- PT-22 SECONDS
- INR-2.6
- APTT-41 SECONDS
- CPK-266U/L
- URINE AND STOOL ROUTINE-NORMAL,Urine myoglobin-negative.

- HIV/HBsAg-NEGATIVE, Anti HCV-negative
 - **EBV SEROLOGY: POSITIVE**, CMV & Leptospirosis-negative, BRUCELLA Ig M-negative
 - BLOOD & URINE CULTURE-NO GROWTH
 - **USG ABDOMEN**: Multiple significantly enlarged mesenteric lymph nodes.
 - **ECHO: Mild pericardial effusion**, RCA & LCA 3mm
?Myocarditis.
- ANA-NEGATIVE
- SERUM LDH & FERRITIN-NORMAL.

DIAGNOSIS?????

- INFECTIVE
- DRUG INDUCED

DAPSONE WAS GIVEN FOR ORAL ULCER

DRESS

TREATMENT

- Hydration
- Intravenous steroids(dexamethasone)given.
- Intravenous NAC given.
- Liver supportives(udiliv)



FOLLOW UP

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| SERUM BILIRUBIN | 4.4 |
| SERUM ALBUMIN | 2.1 |
| SERUM GLOBULIN | 4.2 |
| SGOT | 320 |
| SGPT | 655 |
| SAP | 1510 |
| GGTP | 640 |

DRESS

- Drug rash with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS) syndrome is a distinct, severe, **idiosyncratic reaction (type IV hypersensitivity reaction)** to a drug characterized by a **prolonged latency period (2 to 8 weeks)**.
- DRESS was coined by **Bocquet** in 1996.
- The estimated incidence of this syndrome ranges from **1 in 1000 to 1 in 10,000** drug exposures

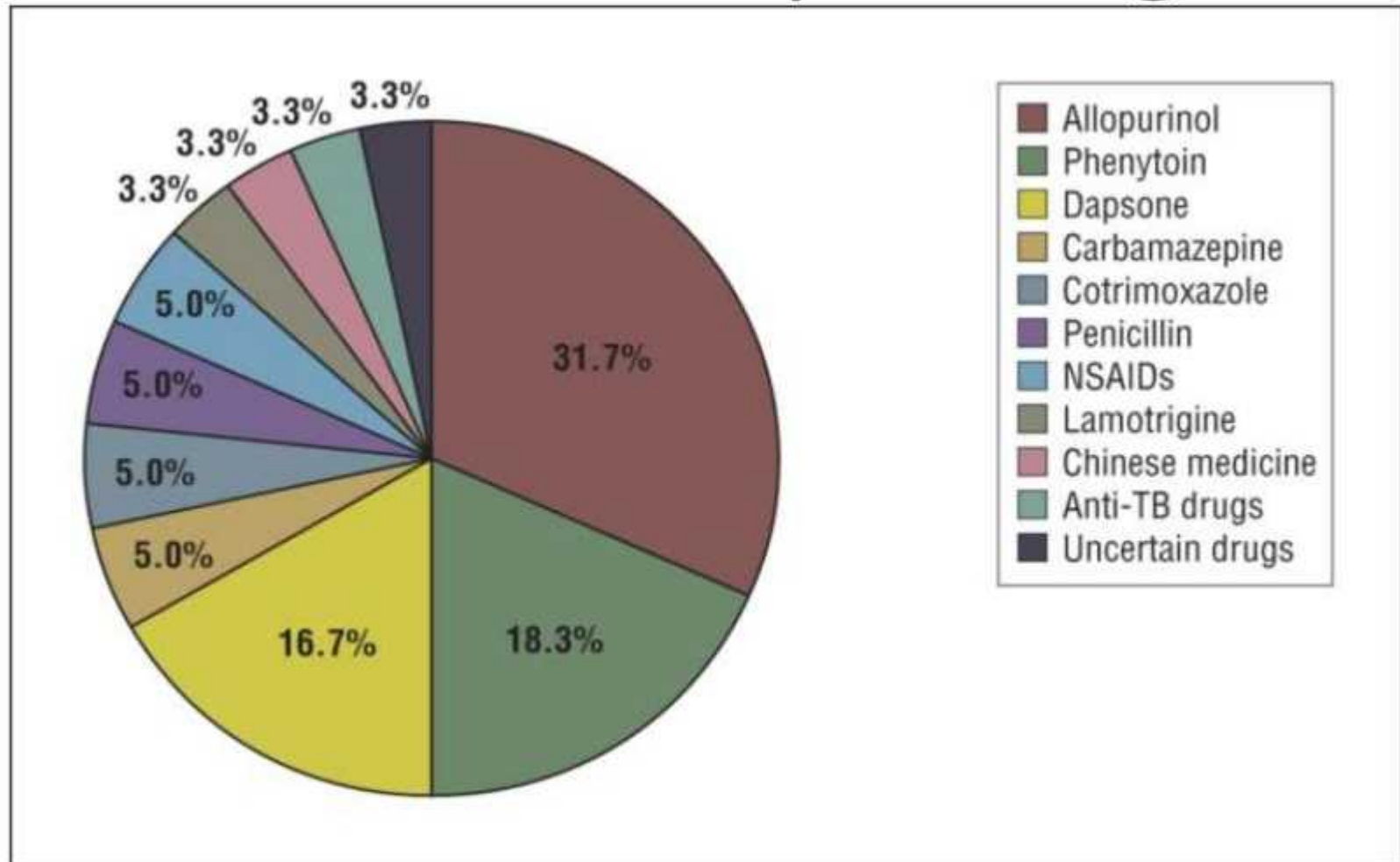
- EVOLVING NOMENCLATURE

Anticonvulsant hypersensitivity syndrome (AHS), drug-induced hypersensitivity (DIHS), drug-induced delayed multiorgan hypersensitivity syndrome (DIDMOHS) .

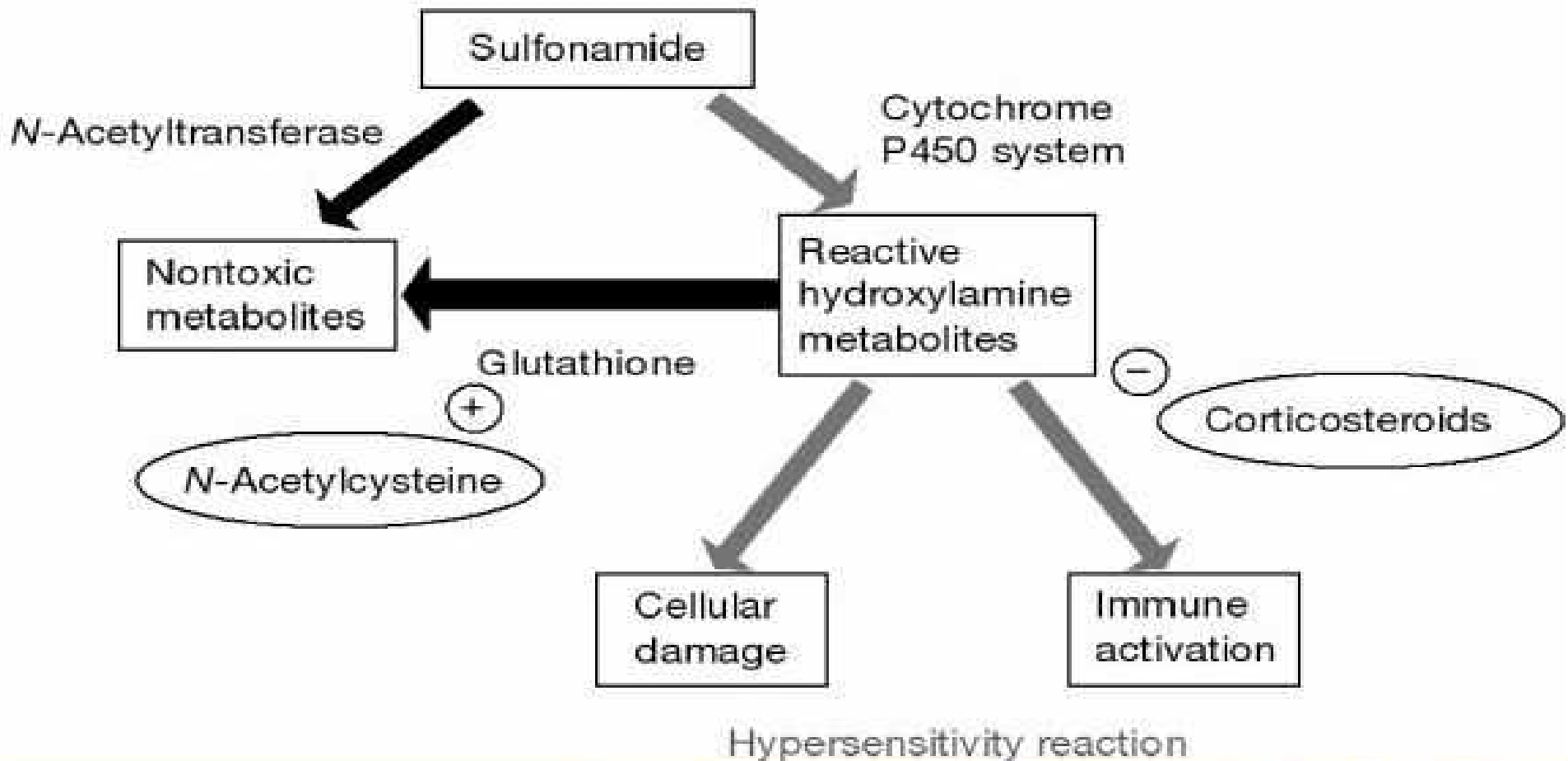
PATHOGENESIS

- Genetic deficiency of detoxifying enzymes leading to an accumulation of drug metabolites.
- Genetic associations between human leukocyte antigen (HLA) associations and drug hypersensitivity may occur(HLA-B*1502).
- A possible virus-drug interaction associated with viral reactivation may exist(HHV-6,HHV7,EBV)
- A total of 44drugs were described to be associated with DRESS.

Common Culprit Drugs



Chen Y C, Chiu H C & Chu C Y. Drug Reaction With Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms: A Retrospective Study of 60 Cases. *Arch Dermatol.* 2010;146(12):1373-1379



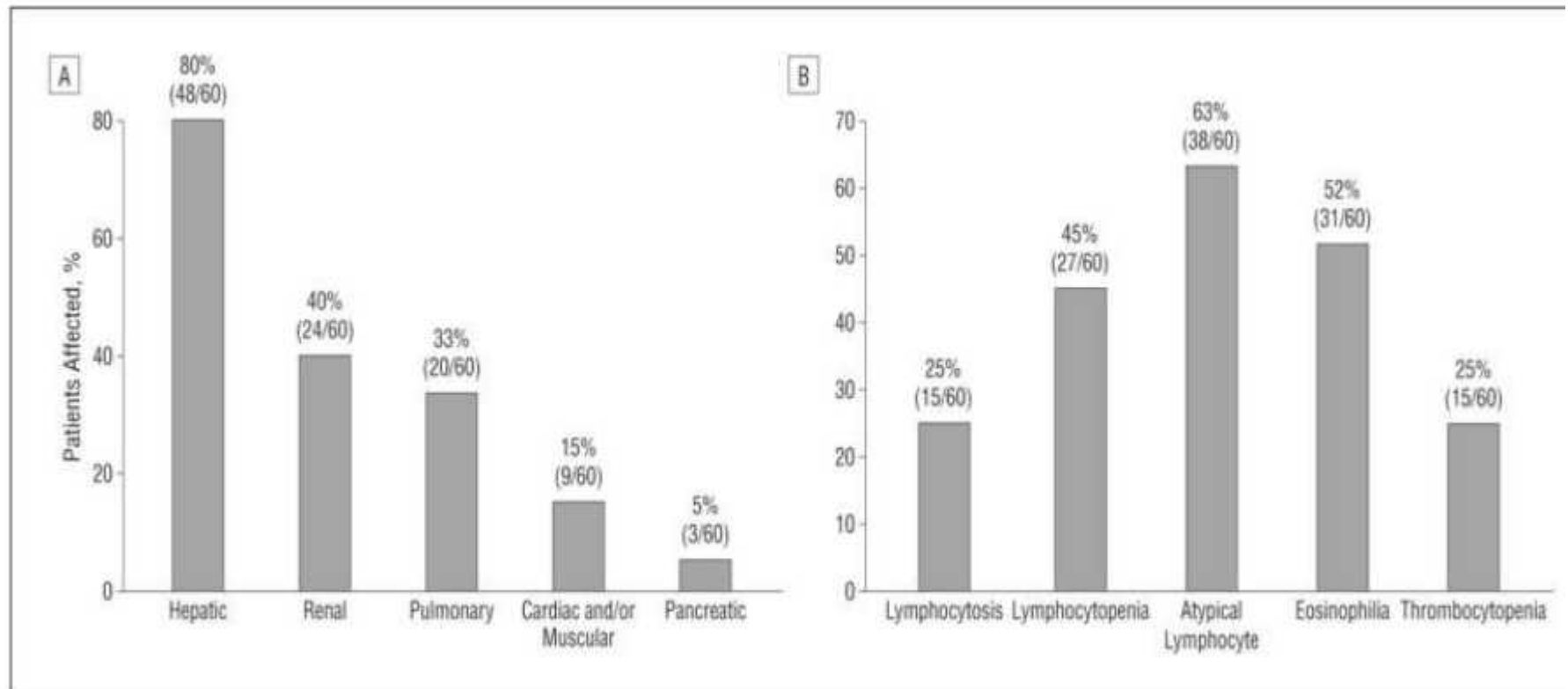
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Proposed mechanism for sulfonamide-induced hypersensitivity reactions and treatment. *N*-Acetylcysteine acts by replacing stores of glutathione, an antioxidant involved in the detoxification pathway. Corticosteroids act by inhibiting the activity of reactive hydroxylamine metabolites.

CLINICAL FEATURES

- Fever
- The cutaneous manifestations typically consist of an urticarial, **maculopapular eruption**.
- **Visceral involvement** (hepatitis, pneumonitis, myocarditis, pericarditis, nephritis, and colitis) is the major cause of morbidity and mortality in this syndrome.
- Many cases are associated with **leukocytosis with eosinophilia (90%) and/or mononucleosis (40%)**.

Effects on internal organs (A) and blood (B) of drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms.



Drug Reaction With Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptoms: A Retrospective Study of 60 Cases

Arch Dermatol. 2010;146(12):1373-1379. doi:10.1001/archdermatol.2010.198

REGISCAR CRITERIA

- Hospitalization Reaction suspected to be drug-related.
- **Acute rash, Fever** $>38^{\circ}\text{C}$.
- Enlarged **lymph** nodes at a minimum of 2 sites.
- Involvement of at least **1 internal organ**
- Blood count abnormalities-Lymphocytes above or below normal limits, **Eosinophilia** (>700), Thrombocytopenia.
- **Three out of four criteria** are required for making the diagnosis.

Eski M, Auanore L, Musette P et al. Arch Dermatol 2009; 145:67-72

JAPANESE GROUP'S CRITERIA

- Maculopapular rash developing >3 weeks after starting with the suspected drug.
- Prolonged clinical symptoms 2 weeks after discontinuation of the suspected drug.
- Fever >38°C
- Liver abnormalities (alanine aminotransferase>100U/L)
- Leucocyte abnormalities:Leucocytosis,Atypical lymphocytosis (>5%),Eosinophilia .
- Lymphadenopathy
- **Human Herpes 6 reactivation**
- The diagnosis is confirmed by the presence of the **7 criteria**

Shihara T, Iijima M, Ikezawa Z, Hashimoto K. Br J Dermatol. 2007;156:1083-1084

Diagnostic Tests

Confirmation of DRESS:

- CBC with differential and peripheral blood smear.
- Testing for HHV infection.
- Skin biopsy.

Exclusion of DDx:

- Blood cultures
- Antinuclear antibodies
- Serology for viral hepatitis

Assessment of organ involvement:

- Serum creatinine and urinalysis.
- Troponin and ECG.



Table 1. DRESS syndrome: most common differential diagnoses

| | DRESS syndrome | SJS/TEN | Hypereosinophilic syndrome |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Cutaneomucous features | Facial oedema, morbilliform eruption, exfoliative dermatitis, tight blisters | Blisters, atypical targets, cutaneomucous erosions | Urticaria, angio-oedema, morbilliform eruption, infiltrated papules or nodules |
| <i>Haematological abnormalities</i> | | | |
| Eosinophilia | + | - | + |
| Presence of atypical lymphocytes | + | - | +/- |
| <i>Systemic involvement</i> | | | |
| Adenopathies | + | - | + |
| Hepatitis | + | + | + |
| Other organ involvement | Interstitial nephritis, pneumonitis, carditis | Tubular nephritis, tracheo-bronchial necrosis | Carditis, pneumonitis, encephalopathy, diarrhoea, vomiting or abdominal pain |

+ = Usual; +/- = possible; - = very rare or absent.

MANAGEMENT

- DRESS syndrome must be recognized promptly and the causative drug withdrawn. The earlier the drug withdrawal, the better the prognosis.
- Treatment is largely supportive and symptomatic; Antihistamines, **corticosteroids are often used**, but the evidence regarding their effectiveness is scant.
- Other immunosuppressants, such as cyclosporin, may also be required.

MONITORING:

Monitored for new skin lesions, clinical or laboratory abnormalities in organ.
Weekly laboratory testing is advised.

COMPLICATIONS:

Autoimmune diseases have been reported in some patients.
Chronic renal failure or lymphoma-rare complications.

PROGNOSIS:

Most patients recover within weeks or months after the drug withdrawal.

MORTALITY-10%

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Drug Reaction with Eosinophilia and Systemic Symptom (DRESS) is a great CLINICAL MIMICKER and potentially life-threatening syndrome including severe skin lesion, fever, hypereosinophilia, lymphadenopathy and internal organ involvement.
- DRESS can be associated with human herpesvirus 4, 6, and 7 infections; serology of these viruses should be checked.
- The main treatment of DRESS are withdrawal of culprit drug and corticosteroid treatment.

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