Misdiagnosed atopic dermatitis: Case report

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Abstract

We report a case of a healthy 12-year-old female, who presented a large eczema of the face for more than 2 months. After microbiologic examination a diagnosis of atopic dermatitis with Staphylococcus aureus colonization was done. A combined topical corticosteroid- oral antibiotics therapy allowed to obtain a good clinical response. There was no recurrence 6 months after the treatment. Our case highlights that sometimes staphylococcal skin infections affecting atopic dermatitis can lead to misdiagnosis.