

stevens – Johnson Syndrome & Toxic epidermal necrolysis

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Case scenario

- ▶ ເດັກຍິງອາຍຸ 11 ປີ
- ▶ Admit: 26/8 – 5/9/ 2017
- ▶ Chief complaint: ມີຜື່ນຂຶ້ນຕາມໂຕມາໄດ້2ມື້

Present illness

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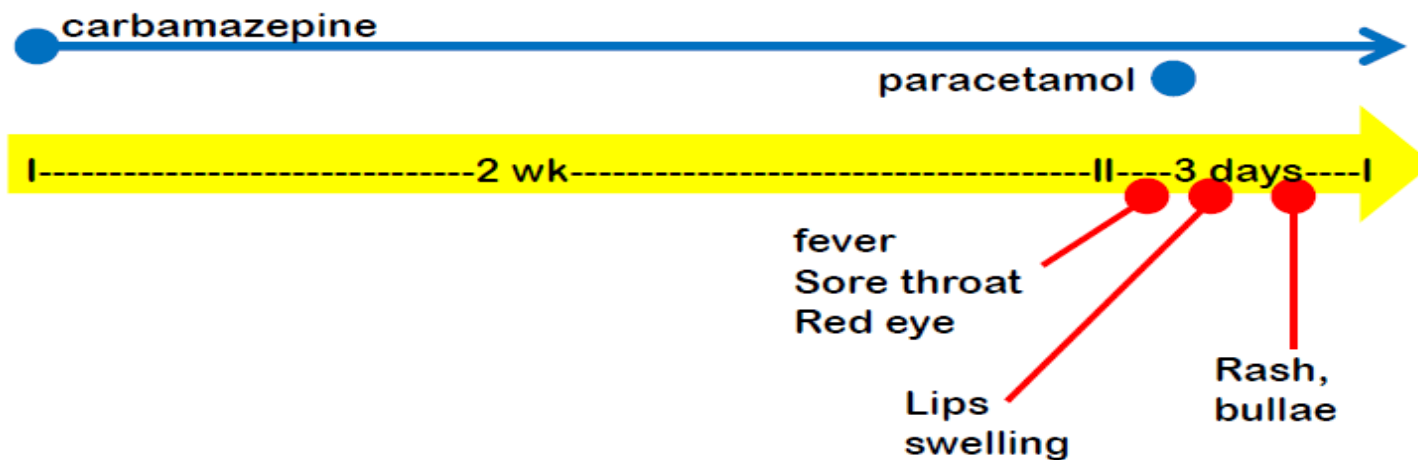
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Past History

- ▶ Underlying disease : epilepsy (complex partial seizure)
 - ບົ່ງມະຕິໄດ້ 1ປີຜ່ານມາ ໂດຍຄົນເຈັບມີອາການ ຊັກເກັ່ງໝຶດໂຕ ,ມີອາການບໍ່ຮູ້ສຶກໂຕ ແລະ ຍ່ຽວເຮັຍເຮັດ, ໄດ້ເຮັດ EEG ພົບມີ epileptic discharge
 - on carbamazepine 1/2- 1 tab po
- ▶ ບໍ່ເຄີຍມີປະຫວັດການແພ້ຢາ ແພ້ອາຫານມາກ່ອນ
- ▶ ສັກຢາກັນພະຍາດຄົບ
- ▶ ພັດທະນາການດີ

Drugs list



Physical examination

- ▶ General apperance : looked drowsy
- ▶ Vital Signs: BT 39.9 PR: 125 bpm
RR 26 tpm BP : 106/72
mmHg
- ▶ Body weight: 40kg

Physical examination

- ▶ HEENT :
 - conjunctival hyperemia with pseudomembrane both eyes, no symblepharon
 - no pallor , no jaundice
 - no angioedema
 - lips swelling with blebs and ruptured blebs with pus and serum oozing, marked injected pharynx



- ▶ Heart , lungs, abdomen: unremarkable
- ▶ Skin :



- ▶ Genitalia : no ulcer
- ▶ Extremities: capillary refill <2 sce.

Positive findings

- ▶ History of new drug administration for 2 weeks
- ▶ Skin lesions(–25% BSA)
 - Target – like lesions
 - mucosal involvement (eye, oral mucosa)
- ▶ Acute febrile illness

impression : SJS/TEN overlap

Classification

- ▶ Stevens–Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN) are severe, life–threatening mucocutaneous reaction
- ▶ Characterized by extensive necrosis and detachment of epidermis

Classification	% of body surface involved
• SJS	< 10%
• SJS/TEN overlap	10-30%
• TEN	>30%

Epidemiology

- ▶ Incidence 1–3 / 1,000,000 persons/year
- ▶ ~18% of patients were children
- ▶ Pediatric patients usually had less severity of disease than adult patients

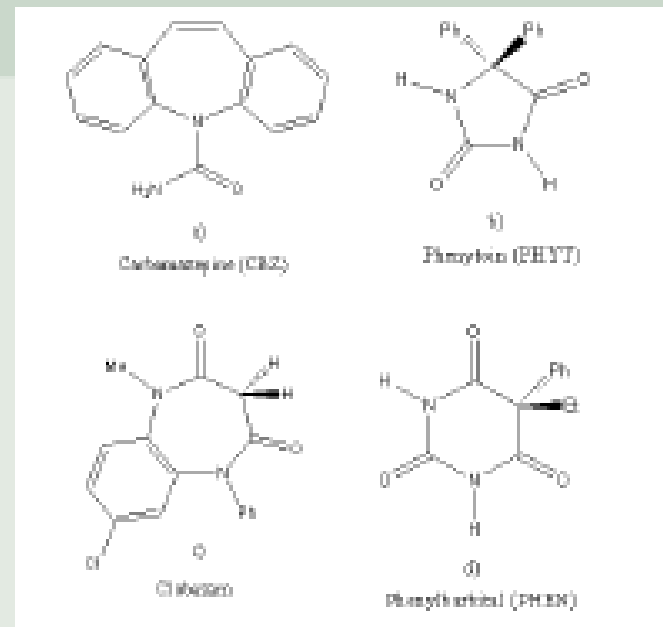
Etiology

- ▶ Triggering of the hypersensitivity reaction
 - Drugs (most common)
 - Mycoplasma infection
 - Other infections
 - Neoplasm
 - Autoimmune disorders
 - Vaccination

Etiology : drugs

Box 20-2 Most Common Pharmacologic Triggers of Stevens–Johnson Syndrome and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis

Allopurinol
Barbiturates
Carbamazepine
Lamotrigine
NSAIDs
Penicillins
Phenytoin
Sulfonamides



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Etiology : drugs

Table 1. Comparison of culprit drug between SJS and TEN

Culprit drugs	Total (n=30), n (%)	SJS (n=24)	TEN (n=6)
Antiepileptics (n=18, 60%)	18 (60.0)	15	3
Carbamazepine	8 (26.6)	7	1
Phenobarbital	7 (23.3)	5	2
Phenytoin	2 (6.6)	2	0
Levetiracetam	1 (3.3)	1	0
Antibiotics (n=8, 26.6%)	8 (26.6)	5	2
Erythromycin	3 (10.0)	2	0
Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole	2 (6.6)	2	0
Cefotaxime	1 (3.3)	0	1
Cloxacillin	1 (3.3)	0	1
Amoxicillin	1 (3.3)	1	0
Others (n=4, 13.3%)	4 (13.3)	3	1
Aspirin	1 (3.3)	1	0
Brufen	1 (3.3)	1	0
Methotrexate	1 (3.3)	0	1
Paracetamol	1 (3.3)	1	0

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SJS: Stevens-Johnson syndrome; TEN: toxic epidermal necrolysis.

Etiology : Mycoplasma infection

- ▶ Less severe disease
- ▶ “Mycoplasma pneumonia– induced rash and mucositis “ has been suggested for alternative diagnosis

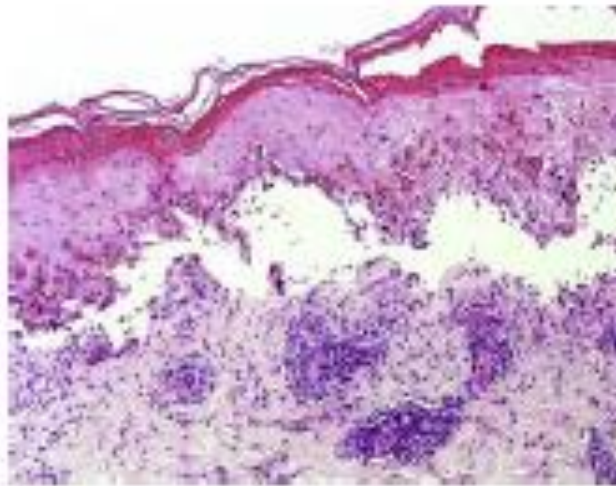


Fig 1. Classic mucocutaneous findings in *Mycoplasma*-induced rash and mucositis (MIRM) cases. Severe conjunctivitis and blepharitis (A), severe oral mucositis with hemorrhagic crusting (B), and sparse vesiculobullous eruption (C). In most cases of MIRM, mucosal involvement is the predominant feature with the cutaneous involvement typically being minimal to sparse.

Fig 2. Genital mucositis in *Mycoplasma*-induced rash and mucositis.

Pathophysiology

- Disorders of keratinocyte death (apoptosis) mediated by cytotoxic T-cell
- Granulysin was found to be the most important cytotoxic mediators
- Other mediators: Fas-Fas ligand, perforin/granzyme



Clinical manifestation

- ▶ Occurs 7 to 21 days after the first drug exposure, almost always within 8 wks
- ▶ 1 to 14 days prodromal period
- ▶ Abrupt onset of
 - high fever
 - varying degrees of generalized targetoid lesions, bullae, epidermal detachment
 - ≥ 2 sites of mucosal erosion

Clinical manifestation

Constitutional

- Fever

- Dehydration

Mucocutaneous

- Stomatitis with hemorrhagic crusts

- Oral and genital erosions

- Dysphagia

- Purulent conjunctivitis with photophobia

- Occasionally esophageal and pulmonary mucosal sloughing

- Dusky erythematous macules, targetoid lesions, bullae, and skin sloughing

Visceral

- Lymphadenopathy

- Hepatosplenomegaly with hepatitis

- Uncommonly: pneumonitis, arthritis, myocarditis, and nephritis

Laboratory abnormalities

- Increased erythrocyte sedimentation rate (100%)

- Leukocytosis (60%)

- Eosinophilia (20%)

- Anemia (15%)

- Elevated hepatic transaminase levels (15%)

- Leukopenia (10%)

- Proteinuria, microscopic hematuria (5%)

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Cutaneous involvement

- **Common areas: face, upper trunk, palms and soles**



Figure 20-20 Stevens-Johnson syndrome. Note the bullae on the sole in this girl who reacted to lamotrigine.



Figure 20-21 Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS). Intensely erythematous macules are nearly confluent the palms of this boy with SJS from carbamazepine.

Cutaneous involvement

- Targetoid lesion



Dusky center target-like lesion (SJS)



Figure 20-34 Erythema multiforme. Classic target lesions and marginated wheals with central vesicles are characteristic.

Classic target lesion (Erythema multiforme)

Cutaneous involvement

- Confluent flaccid bullae and skin detachment



Nikolsky sign

Figure 2. A positive Nikolsky's sign in toxic epidermal necrolysis.

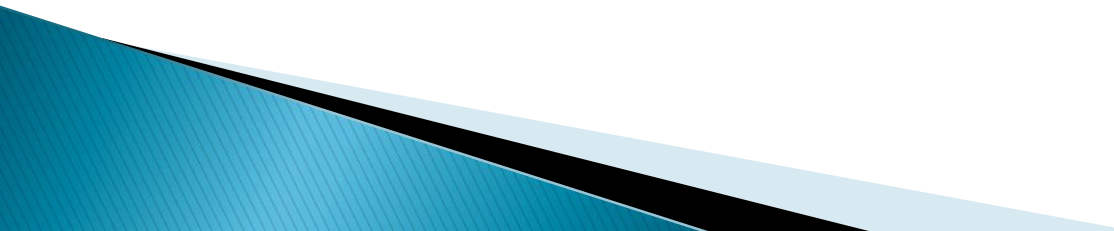


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May be seen in other bullous disorders with superficial epidermal detachment (pemphigus, some types of epidermolysis bullosa, SSSS)

Mucosal involvement

- ▶ Extensive mucosal involvement is more typical of SJS than TEN
 - ▶ Occur 1 to 2 days before cutaneous manifestation
 - ▶ ≥ 2 affected mucosal surface
 - characteristic hemorrhagic crusts
 - Painful superficial erosions and ulcerations
 - The oral mucosa is always affected
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Mucosal involvement

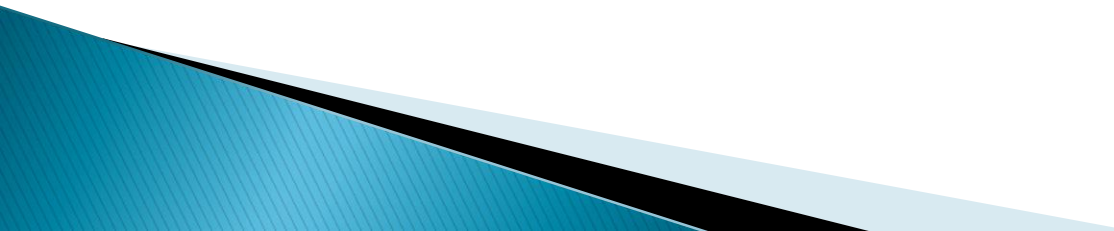


Figure 20-27 Stevens-Johnson syndrome. Mucous membrane involvement with severe swelling and hemorrhagic crusting of the lips.



Figure 20-24 Toxic epidermal necrolysis. Note the discrete bullae on the scrotum sloughing of mucosae at the glans. The sloughed skin resembles wrinkled, wet, tissue paper.

Ophthalmologic manifestation

- ▶ Severe purulent conjunctivitis with photophobia
 - ▶ Corneal ulceration
 - ▶ Keratitis
 - ▶ Uveitis
 - ▶ Panophthalmitis
 - ▶ Long term sequelae occur in 40% of patients (keratoconjunctivitis sicca, corneal ulceration, trichiasis, symblepharon, blindness)
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Ophthalmologic manifestation



Figure 20-28 Stevens-Johnson syndrome. This boy shows early ophthalmic involvement with conjunctival injection, eyelid edema, erythema, and exudative crusting.



FIGURE 20-30 Severe ophthalmic involvement of Stevens-Johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis. (Top left) Conjunctival injection. (Top right) Desquamation of the cornea and lid margin. (Bottom left) Conjunctival injection. (Bottom right) Conjunctival injection and eyelid edema, with a possible replacement of the cornea and eyelid margin (EPDS device). (Source: Foundation for Sight, Needham, Massachusetts, USA) in situ.

Clinical manifestation : summary

	SJS	SJS-TEN	TEN
Lesional morphology	Targetoid lesions, dusky red macules, bullae	Targetoid lesions, dusky red macules, bullae	Targetoid lesions, dusky erythematous macules and plaques; detachment of epidermis
Localization	May be scattered and isolated; may be confluent, esp on the trunk and face	May be scattered and isolated; often confluent	Usually extensive involvement with widespread confluence
Involved skin	<10%	10%-30%	>30%
Biopsy features	More interface dermatitis	Significant interface dermatitis + necrolysis	Predominantly necrolysis
Mucosal changes	Prominent	Prominent	May be less than in SJS
Systemic involvement	Often present	Always present	Always present

Differential diagnosis

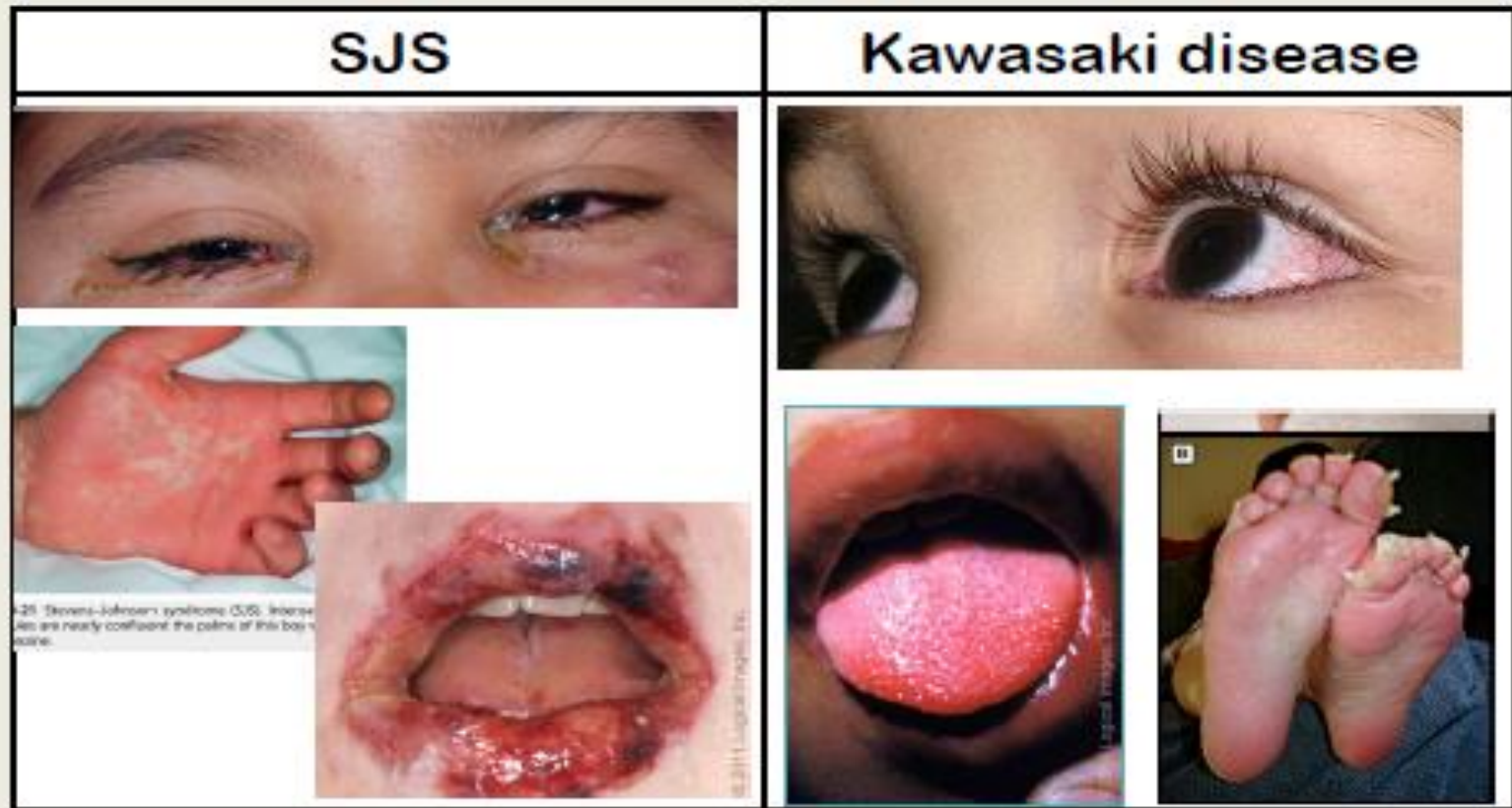
- ▶ Kawasaki disease
- ▶ Erythema multiforme
- ▶ Immunobullous disorders
- ▶ Staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome

SJS/TEN VS Kawasaki disease




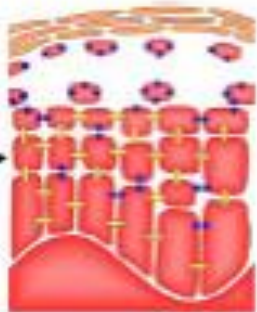
	SJS/TEN	Kawasaki disease
Age (years)	All ages	Usually < 5
Fever	Prolonged	Persistent
Eyes	Exudative conjunctivitis, keratitis	Nonexudative conjunctivitis, limbal sparing, anterior uveitis
Oral mucosa	Erythema, ulceration	Diffused erythema "Strawberry tongue"
Peripheral extremities	Skin detachment in affected areas	Erythema and edema of palms and soles, periungual desquamation
Rash	Targetoid lesions, flaccid bullae	Erythematous, polymorphous; targetoid or purpuric in 20%

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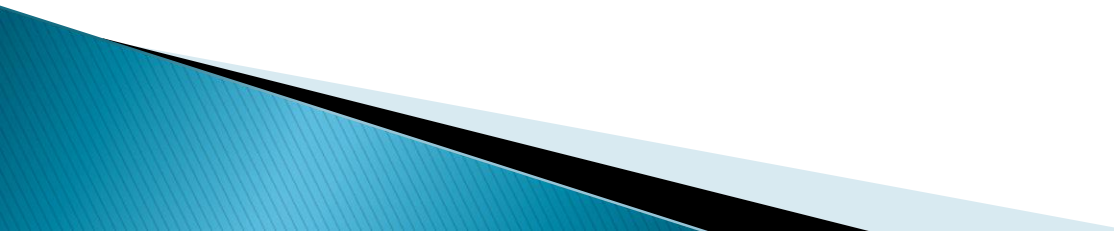
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SJS/TEN VS SSSS

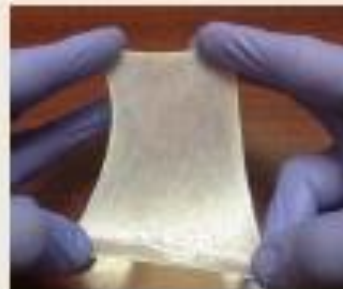
	SJS/TEN	SSSS
Mucosal involvement	Yes 	No 
Distribution	Trunk, palms and soles	Periorificial predominant
Skin lesions	Blistering and skin denudement (panepidermal detachment)	Superficial desquamation   <small>Staphylococcal Scalded Skin Syndrome</small>

Management

- ▶ Stop drugs
 - ▶ Admit to ICU or burn unit
 - ▶ Aggressive supportive care
 - Fluid and electrolytes replacement
 - Intravenous caloric replacement
 - Wound care
 - Vigorous pain control
 - ▶ Ophthalmologic consultation**
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Management : skin care

- ▶ Avoid manipulation
- ▶ Keep intact areas of skin dry
- ▶ Daily cleansing of open wound
- ▶ Cover detached areas with non – adherent, moist dressing
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Use of intravenous immunoglobulin in children with stevens-johnson syndrome and toxic epidermal necrolysis: seven cases and review of the literature.

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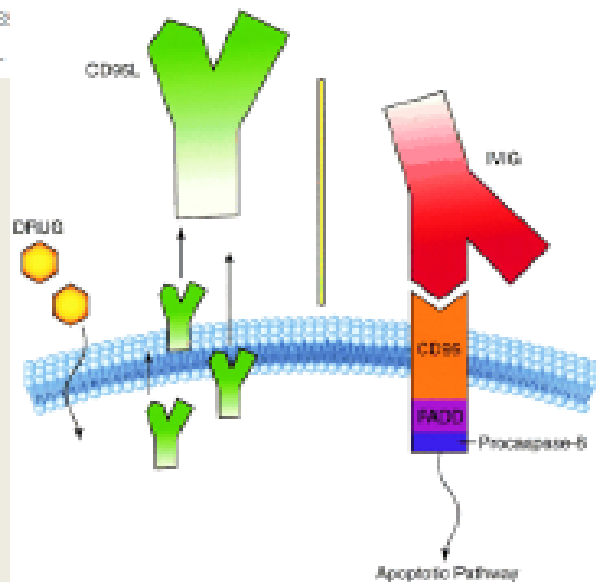
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Abstract

Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) and toxic epidermal necrolysis are the most severe cutaneous reactions that occur in children. Off-label use of human intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIg) has been reported in a number of autoimmune and cell-mediated blistering disorders of the skin, including severe cutaneous drug reactions. We review 28 previous reports in which IVIg was used in pediatric patients with SJS and toxic epidermal necrolysis and discuss our experience in 7 children with SJS, in whom no new blisters developed within 24 to 48 hours after IVIg administration and rapid recovery ensued. IVIg seems to be a useful and safe therapy for children with severe cutaneous drug reactions. Well-controlled, prospective, multicenter clinical trials are needed to determine optimal dosing guidelines and to compare the efficacy and safety of IVIg with other potentially effective modalities.

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**Dose: 0.5-1 g/kg
administrated over 3 days**

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IV corticosteroids

- In drug-induced SJS/TEN patients, early administration of systemic corticosteroids was shown some benefits in shorting hospitalization

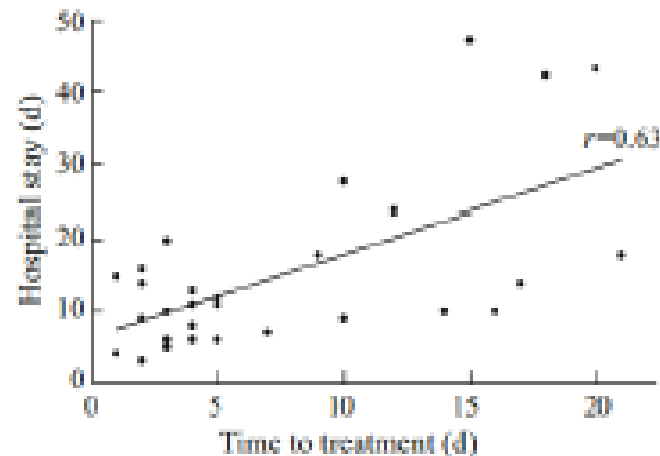
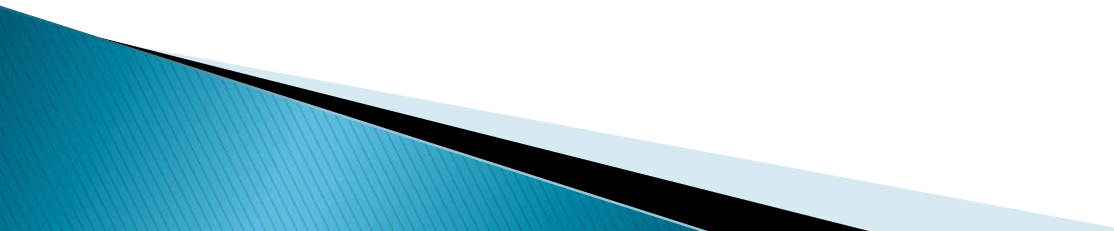


Fig. Spearman correlation between time to systemic corticosteroids treatment and the length of hospital stay.

Complication

- ▶ Massive fluid loss and electrolyte imbalance
 - ▶ Malnutrition
 - ▶ Bacterial super infection and septicemia
 - Skin infection
 - Pneumonia
 - Urinary tract infection
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Outcome

- ▶ Mortality rate (adult patients)
 - SJS 5%
 - SJS/TEN 10%– 15%
 - TEN 30% – 35%
- ▶ Mortality rates in children have been lower
 - Srinagarind Hospital : 5% mortality in pediatric SJS/TEN patients

Long term sequelae

- ▶ Cutaneous dyschromia (42%)
- ▶ Persistent nail dystrophy or anonychia
- ▶ Late ocular complications
 - Dry eye syndrome (59%)
 - subconjunctival fibrous scarring (33%)
 - Corneal erosions(29%)
 - Others (<25%): trichiasis, symblepharon, visual loss



Back to case scenario ..

- ▶ Diagnosis:
SJS/TEN overlap

Management

- ▶ “ Discontinued suspected Medication”
- ▶ Skin care
 - Wet dressing wound and lips
 - Drainage bled ‘ but not unroof’
 - Hygiene mouth care
 - Tropical Antibiotic : Fucidin ointmet
apply abraded skin bid
- ▶ Systemic corticosteroids
 - Dexamethasone 4mg IV q 6hr x 5 days

Management

- ▶ IV fluid rehydration
- ▶ Nutritional support
 - Panenteral (1:1) 400ml po x 4 feeds (1600kcal/day)
- ▶ Control Pain
 - IV morphine

Management

➤ Eye care : consult ophthalmologist

- Remove Pseudomembrane
- Moisture

Tear natural free apply both eyes q 1 hr >> vislube both eyes q 1 hr

Vidisic gel both eyes bid>> Genteal gel apply both eyes bid

- 0.1% Dexamethasone Eye drop both eyes qid
- Antibiotic : Chloramphenicol Eye ointment apply both eyes qid , Fusithalamic eye ointment apply abraded eyelids

Take home message

- ▶ Diagnosis of SJS/ TEN
 - History of new drug administration
 - skin lesion (target -like ,bullous)
 - ≥ 2 mucosal involvement
- ▶ Management
 - Immediately discontinue all suspected drugs
 - Early ophthalmologists consultation for proper eyes care to prevent late complications

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