

Comment to: Disseminated cutaneous herpes simplex, COVID-19 vaccination and rheumatoid arthritis patient: a case report and review

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Dear Editor,
We would like to comment the article ‘Disseminated cutaneous herpes simplex infection after COVID-19 vaccination in a rheumatoid arthritis patient: a case report and review (1)’ Mohamadzadeh et al. described a reactivation of herpes virus following coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccinations in a patient with rheumatoid arthritis and reviewed the pertinent literature also for non-rheumatic individuals. Uncertainty remains as to whether an underlying autoimmune inflammatory condition could be an additional risk factor (1). We are all concerned that the COVID-19 vaccine, despite its benefits, may also be harmful in some subjects. Due to a lack of information regarding the health and immunological status of vaccination recipients prior to immunization, it is difficult to pinpoint the exact cause of the clinical problem seen in this patient. Due to conflicting information, individuals may reject vaccinations and lose faith in them. A clinical comorbidity may be the cause of the

problem observed after vaccination against COVID-19, as reported in a different setting (2). Since there is no complete record of a person’s pre-immunization health or immune status, it is too early to determine any potential, vaccine-related adverse effects.

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