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Metastatic Melanoma in the Gastric Body

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A 65 year-old women presented with two months history of abdominal pain and obstructive jaundice. Fifteen years earlier, she had undergone malignant melanoma excision of the face. A computed tomographic scan showed Intrahepatic tree dilatation related to a nodular lesion (6cm of diameter) at the liver anterior segment. An ultrasonography-guided biopsy was carried out and the histological report confirmed the diagnosis of malignant melanoma metastasis. An Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) was performed for biliary stenting, during duodenoscopy, we found an umbilicate vegetating ulcerating lesion on the posterior wall of gastric body. The histological study of the vegetating lesion revealed gastric malignant melanoma metastasis. Patient transferred to oncology department for chemotherapy. Melanoma is an unusual predilection to metastasize to the gastrointestinal tract. Only 1-5% cases of metastatic melanoma [1] are diagnosed during life because they are generally clinically asymptomatic in the early stages.



Figure 1: Gastric Melanoma Metastasis: Black pigmented tumor with ulceration in the gastric body.

Diagnosis often takes place when an emergency complication occurs, such as intestinal perforation, obstruction, and acute gastrointestinal bleeding, or with non-specific symptoms like anaemia, weight loss, abdominal pain [2,3] (Figure 1).

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