

# Photosensitive Lichenoid Eruption Induced by Gabapentin Reaction Mechanism: A Case Report

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## Abstract

Gabapentin typically features a sensible safety profile with adequate tolerance. The incidence of adverse reactions in the skin, hair, and tissue layer thanks to gabapentin is low. Here, we tend to gift a case of lichenoid-sensitive eruption thanks to the application of gabapentin in exposed areas. A lichenoid eruption with skin lesions that square measure widespread distribution needs a drug history similarly to stop the consumption of the drug in question. look at skin test} and/or image test to ensure the designation.

**Keywords:** Photosensitive; Lichenoid eruption; Drug; Gabapentin; Skin test

## INTRODUCTION

Gabapentin is helpful to treat brain disease, neuropathic pain, and tremors. it's an honest safety profile with adequate tolerance and a low incidence of adverse reactions. the foremost common facet effects embrace gastrointestinal upset, drowsiness, dizziness, fatigue, and neurological disorder [1]. many skin eruptions thanks to gabapentin are rumored.

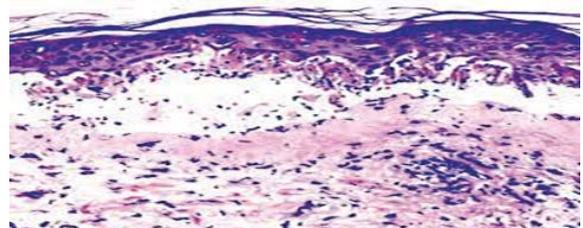
## CASE REPORT

Caucasian 69-year-old man complained of a fretful rash on the trunk that lasted 3 days. The patient was treated with oral gabapentin three hundred mg/day for the Neuralgia time period before this skin reaction. The patient had not been antecedently treated with gabapentin and was subject to no alternative medical treatment at the time. The patient had additionally been exposed to the sun inflicting first-degree burns on the rear days before the rash. the case history was non-contributory. corneal examination unconcealed multiple flat papules, erythematous-purple, bright, coalescing and sorted within the higher backspace (Figures 1 and 2). many papules have a fine scaling surface and Wickham striae aren't appreciated. Dermographism was negative. mucose membranes, scalp, nails, or the remainder of the skin surface were no Affected.

All the subsequent laboratory evaluations were within the traditional range: organic chemistry parameters, complete somatic cell count, white somatic cell



**Figure 1:** Erythematous-purple papules and plaques coalescing and grouped.



**Figure 2:** Epidermis with parakeratosis.

count, differential count, blood corpuscle geological phenomenon rates, blood serum macromolecule action, quantitative blood serum immunoglobulins, C3 and C4 levels, antinuclear antibodies. Syphilis, HCV, HBV, and HIV medical science were negative.

A corneal punch diagnostic assay showed microscopic anatomy findings of taxidermic with interface eczema.

Patch test in step with the Spanish dermatitis cluster (True test®) was performed and gabapentin was additionally tested. the sole positive substance was found within the patch of the gabapentin.

According to the clinical, microscopic anatomy, and skin test results, the cause for the lichenoid-sensitive eruption was ended to result in gabapentin.

Consequently, Gabapentin was out of print, and sun exposure was stopped. As medical care, the patient started with oral antihistamines (dexchlorpheniramine six mg/8 hours) and topical corticosteroids (mometasone furoate zero.1% cream two times a day) getting a favourable response with the improvement of the skin lesion. This was fully resolved once in 3 weeks. The residual macular physiological condition was seen. The patient has maintained regular watching for six months while not receiving any treatment with gabapentin and while not clinical return.

## DISCUSSION

Gabapentin is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for brain disease and postherpetic pain. it's currently wont to treat numerous varieties of chronic pain and alternative conditions like fibromyalgia, neuralgia, diabetic pathology, surgical physiological condition, hemicrania headaches, insomnia, restless leg syndrome phobic disorder, depression, manic depressive illness, and anxiety disorder. The mechanism of action of gabapentin remains unknown, however, it's believed that it causes AN inhibition of alpha two deltas voltage-dependent metallic element channel fractional monetary unit resulting in reduced neurochemical unharness and slashed postsynaptic excitability. The half-life of gabapentin is between five and seven hours. many skin manifestations thanks to gabapentin square measure [1-5].

Lichenoid drug-induced eruptions typically occur in patients within the seventh decade of life (mean age sixty-six years) with no sex predilection. The latency stage will vary from many weeks to years. It depends on many factors like the kind of drug, the previous administration, frequency of administration, dosage, the individual

reaction of the patient, and concomitant medical care with alternative medicine. The etiology is unknown however image hypersensitivity reaction mechanism or a cellular immune reaction by delayed hypersensitivity square measure advised.

Drugs related to sensitive lichenoid eruption embrace antimalarials, quinidine, thiazide, furosemide, torasemide, enalapril, diazoxide, capecitabine, clopidogrel, sparfloxacin, Tetracycline, isoniazid, tiotropium bromide, ethambutol, antipsychotic agent, carbamazepine-fluorouracil, and pyritinol.

Unlike disorder lichen ruber planus, drug lichenoid eruption typically features a usually bilateral, symmetrical, and additional widespread distribution of the skin lesions in exposed areas, with predominant involvement of the trunk and limbs. The skin lesions typically gift AN eczematous, psoriasiform, or pink rose-like morphology at AN early stage. they'll additionally gift an identical morphology of disorder lichen ruber planus.

Wickham striae aren't seen. The mucose membranes, the scalp, and therefore the nails aren't typically affected.

Histological findings square measure like lichen ruber planus pattern, related to focal parakeratosis, deep perivascular inflammatory infiltrates and therefore the presence of eosinophils, neutrophils, and plasma cells within the cellular infiltrate.

The medical diagnosis should be established with the disorder lichen ruber planus, property lichen ruber planus, autoimmune disorder, chronic dermatitis, lichenoid skin disorder, pellagroid disease of the skin, allergic dermatitis, polymorphous light-weight eruption, and phototoxic eczema.

Clinical, microscopic anatomy and skin test findings related to the healing of the exanthema once the conclusion of the suspect drug confirms the designation.

Symptomatic treatment is needed. Topical and oral corticosteroids square measure effective. Healing time once the halt of the drug will vary from many weeks to months, typically deed a residual physiological condition. The consumption of the drug concomitantly with sun exposure might cause an additional severe and intensive rash with a lower latency stage.

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