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P-Floxacin Induced Arthropathy

Here we report P-floxacin induced arthropathy in an adolescent girl treated for enteric fever.

A 12-year-old female treated with P-floxacin for typhoid fever (Widal positive) by a private practitioner presented to us with joint pains and difficulty in getting up from bed of one week duration and persistence of fever even after 20 days of administration of P-floxacin (400 mg orally twice daily). For joint pains she had received ibuprofen-paracetamol combination and mefenamic acid without any relief.

General examination revealed only a palpable spleen. Investigations revealed sterile blood, urine and stool cultures, negative Widal test and normal hemogram. ASLO titre, rheumatoid factor, LE cell phenomenon, antinuclear antibody test and Mantoux test were negative. X-ray of knee joints and surrounding long bones were normal.

All the drugs were discontinued and the child was kept under observation. The fever subsided within 48 hours. The difficulty in getting up from bed disappeared. The joint pains gradually disappeared over a week’s time in all the joints except the left knee joint which took almost 3 months to be completely pain free. Now the child is leading a completely normal life. Movements around all joints are normal with no skeletal deformity. Thus the routine use of P-floxacin in childhood enteric fever should be advocated with a word of caution.

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