



A Giant Benign Breast Phyllodes Tumour

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Clinical Image Description

A 34-year-old woman presented with a giant, painless tumour of the right breast that had been growing rapidly for three months. Physical examination showed evident asymmetry of the mammary glands with a right breast measuring 35 x 40 cm. There were two lumps and haemorrhagic ulcerations on the external part associated with orange peel skin (Figure 1 a&b). Palpation was painless, the lymph nodes were free, and the rest of the examination was unremarkable. The tumour marker CA 15-3 was 16.1U/ml. Chest X-ray and abdominal ultrasound were free of metastases. The patient underwent total mastectomy, without axillary curage (Figure 2). Anatomopathology concluded a benign phyllodes tumour with complete resection. Six months after surgery, the patient was in good health without signs of recurrence.

Breast phyllodes tumours remain rare. The benign form can be very large but never develops into a metastasis. The prognosis is excellent with complete surgery alone.



Figure 1a: Giant right breast tumour (Front view)





Figure 1b: Giant breast tumour (Right profile).



Figure 2: Right mastectomy specimen.