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Allergic onset against hyaluronidase used to treat overcorrection of hyaluronic acid filler injection

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yaluronic acid (HA) is biocompatible, easy-to-use, and reversible filler which is broadly-based filler in cosmetic medicine. f 1More and more, non-expert physicians and non-physicians practitioners have been performing fillers in a large number of patients, which notices a high risk of unwanted outcomes, either in efficacy and safety fields. Unwanted results can mean overcorrection and asymmetries, as well as adverse events against these injectable fillers. Although HA-based fillers are defined as temporary materials, they can last up to 12 months or longer. Hyaluronidase is an endogenous enzyme that has a potent activity, which lets it to hydrolyze tissue HA, which is the key element of connective tissue. Given that, commercial hyaluronidase, when injected in areas wherein HA-based filler was placed, destroys HA and gives the possibility to adjust overcorrection and asymmetries. Although hyaluronidase has been used worldwide, only a few allergic reactions have been reported. Most of the described patients showed allergic reactions after peribulbar anesthesia for eye surgery despite the large use of HA fillers in aesthetic medicine. A 29-year-old Brazilian female patient was subjected to a 0.01 mL hyaluronidase injection (Pineda Laboratories, Sao Paulo, Brazil) in order to treat a malar hypercorrection as result of filling with HA. After about 10 minutes, she evolved with discrete erythema and edema at the injection site. A vial of 1 mL intramuscular injection of 5 mg/mL betamethasone dipropionate+2 mg/mL betamethasone disodium phosphate 2 mg/mL (BetaTrinta, Eurofarma, Sao Paulo/SP, Brazil) was immediately administered. After 1 hour, however, the patient presented an intense edema in her left hemiface, which suggested angioedema onset; this adverse event was immediately treated by injecting 4 mL of 500 mg hydrocortisone sodium succinate which helped her to clinically overcome such condition. Though, the patient was discharged to home with 40 mg/day/3 days of micronized prednisolone. A complete clinical improvement was observed in five days. In summary, side effects against hyaluronidase injections are rare in accordance with already published scientific literature; however, it is extremely important for professionals of cosmetic medicine to be an emergency conduct at their office.

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