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Treatment of Helicobacter Pylori-Negative Gastric MALT Lymphoma

Eradication of Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) is a well-accepted initial therapy in cases of localized (stage I E) low-grade gastric Mucosa-Associated Lymphoid Tissue (MALT) lymphoma associated with H. pylori infection. However, there are no treatment guidelines for the management of H. pylori-negative low-grade gastric MALT lymphoma.

Retrospectively reviewing the clinical outcome and clinicopathologic factors of stage I E H. pylori-negative low-grade gastric MALT lymphoma cases from August 1998 to June 2009, a research team from South Korea analyzed the treatment outcome of H. pylori-negative low-grade gastric MALT lymphoma.

Their study will be published on May 7, 2010 in the World Journal of Gastroenterology .

Their results indicated that H. pylori eradication therapy may be an initial treatment option for localized H. pylori-negative gastric MALT lymphoma. Their study adds information which helps in the establishment of strategies for patients with localized H. pylori-negative gastric MALT lymphoma.

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