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MAGGOT THERAPY: OUR EXPERIENCE UTILIZING THEM FOR THE TREATMENT OF NECROTIC LEG ULCERS

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O.N. is a 55-year-old female suffering from SLE since the age of 14, including severe vasculitis.

She was admitted to the Rheumatology department due to severe painful necrotic wounds with signs of inflammation on the right leg, and systemic fever. Tissue culture showed klebsiella morganella bacterium. She was treated with Ilumidil, steroids and Clexan. The wounds were first treated with natrium hypochloride solution, which she couldn't tolerate. The treatment has been changed to hydrogel and calcium alginate to minimize the pain and help the autolytic debridement of the wounds. There was no improvement in the local condition of the wounds, and she has been suffering intractable pains.

Each treatment was accompanied by stress, fear and concern from the patient and her husband. A multi-disciplinary team was involved in the treatment.

We thought that the treatment of maggot would help for debridement of the wounds and to minimize the pain.

We would like to present our first experience treating severe wounds with maggots and the difficulties encountered by the multi-disciplinary team while treating Mrs. O.N until she was discharged from the hospital after a successful skin grafting.