Reply

To the Editor:

We appreciate Drs. Bassukas and Hundeiker bringing to our attention their original study on pyodermia fistulans sinifica (hidradenitis suppurativa) and smoking. We regret that we overlooked this significant and timely study, which would have added to our review on the cutaneous manifestations of smoking. This strong association of hidradenitis suppurativa and smoking is rivaled only by that of palmoplantar pustulosis and smoking.

I found interesting the theory of Bassukas and Hundeiker that smoking may alter sweat gland activity. I recently saw a 24-year-old woman who was a smoker and had hyperhidrosis. She stated that her hyperhidrosis had decreased significantly when she stopped smoking for several months; however, when she recently resumed smoking, her hyperhidrosis once again became severe. Whether she is a future candidate for the development of hidradenitis suppurativa remains to be seen.

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References


