# Abdominal neuroblastoma in children


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Sir,

The recent report on abdominal neuroblastoma (NBL) in children is very interesting.[1] Aldaqal and Turki, concluded that 'primary complete surgical removal of tumour is advisable in localised NBL with a good outcome, whereas in advanced cases, it is better to start with pre-operative chemotherapy to downsize the tumour mass and safe delayed surgical excision'.[1] In fact, the management of paediatric NBL is usually complicated and the outcome might be sometimes not favourable. Adding to the main surgical management and additional chemotherapy, the use of radiotherapy should be mentioned. Nazmy and Khafaga mentioned that 'the use of intensity-modulated radiation therapy in paediatric NBL confers higher target conformality with better sparing of the kidneys and it did not show any considerable short term side-effects'.[2] Nevertheless, although radiotherapy might add chance for increased surviving the alteration of metabolism leading to metabolic syndrome is an important adverse effect of the treatment.[3]


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