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PSEUDOLYMPHOMATOUS TATTOO REACTIONS

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Many skin reactions can occur after tattooing, mainly related to the reactive inflammation induced by ink injected into the skin. Reactions can be allergic (characterized by skin sensitization to the color), granulomatous, lichenoid or pseudolymphomatous. These are tattoo reactions that mimic B-cell or T-cell lymphomas. Infiltrates can be mixed with T and B cells with variable populations of eosinophils and plasma cells. We describe 3 cases after injection of red ink, and present an overview of the literature. Reflectance confocal microscopy (RCM) can be a useful tool to monitor and follow up non invasively the inflammatory reaction in tattoos.