

Nilotinib associated with case of scurvy

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(HealthDay)—Nilotinib is associated with scurvy, possibly because of its effects on cutaneous metabolism, according to a letter to the editor published online April 28 in the *Journal of Cutaneous Pathology*.

Allen S.W. Oak, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and colleagues describe a patient on nilotinib who developed a keratosis pilaris-like eruption and was subsequently diagnosed with scurvy.

The 66-year-old male was taking nilotinib for Philadelphia chromosome-positive chronic myelogenous leukemia. Seven months after beginning treatment, the patient developed keratotic papules with perifollicular erythema on the chest and abdomen, pruritic at times. No systemic symptoms were reported. A skin biopsy showed chronic perifolliculitis with hemorrhage, consistent with vitamin C deficiency. His vitamin C level was low (

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