Findings of fluorine-18-FDG PET in extranodal origin lymphoma —In three cases of diffuse large B cell type lymphoma—

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F-18 fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG) positron emission tomography (PET) is an excellent modality for non-invasive functional imaging of malignant lymphoma and is highly sensitive and specific for the detection of lymphoma lesions. Here, we report the findings of FDG-PET for three cases of diffuse large B cell type lymphoma (DLBCL) with extranodal tumors in the breast, stomach, and liver plus spleen, respectively. The whole body FDG-PET findings showed no evidence of lymph node (LN) involvement or distant metastasis. Strong FDG accumulations were observed in the only extranodal sites by whole body FDG-PET. Therefore, we could confirm that these cases were extranodal primary origins. Whole body PET is useful to determine the primary sites, that is, extranodal origin DLBCL with its clear images.

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