Commentary: Time required for effective action of phenol against giant cell tumour cells

Saranatra Waikakul
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand

There are many interesting articles in this issue. In the article by Nithyananth et al., the time required for effective action of phenol against giant cell tumour cells was evaluated. Many orthopaedic surgeons use phenol as adjuvant treatment for this tumour, although others have reported similar recurrence rates with or without phenol treatment. In patients with marked soft-tissue extension of giant cell tumour, radical resection is recommended to minimise local recurrence, but this can cause considerable disability. Phenol remains the gold standard of adjuvant treatment. Concentration and timing are keys to success.

REFERENCES