

Hepatitis Associated Autoimmune Haemolytic Anaemia

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There are numerous associations between diseases traditionally considered non- infectious with infectious agents. These include peptic ulcer, coronary heart disease, neuropsychiatric disorders, haematological disorders and malignancies. Out of infectious diseases, viral hepatitis is also associated with many extra hepatic complications, with articular, renal, neurologic, cutaneous and haemopoietic system involvement. Several autoimmune phenomena can be observed in the course of viral hepatitis, including cryoglobulinemia, glomerulonephritis, systemic lupus erythematoses and arthritis. Beside these welldocumented problems a rare haematological complication of viral hepatitis is Autoimmune Haemolytic Anaemia (AIHA).1, 2