

ABSTRACT

Introduction -Wasp stinging is an unusual yet not uncommon cause of morbidity and mortality in Sri Lanka. Effects of envenomation can range from simple local reactions to anaphylaxis, multi-organ dysfunction and even death. Case fatality is reported to be higher in the elderly.

Case - An 80 year old hypertensive female who sustained multiple wasp stings and despite an uneventful acute phase went on to develop acute kidney injury, toxic hepatitis, low grade haemolysis and acute coronary syndrome within 72 hours of the incident. Management was largely supportive, including intermittent haemodialysis and dual antiplatelet therapy. After 10 days she made a near complete recovery apart from residual renal impairment in the background of newly detected chronic kidney disease.

Conclusions- This case emphasizes the fact that severe delayed reactions can occur up to 72 hours following wasp sting even in the absence of an initial acute reaction. Early detection of complications and intensive supportive care can lead to a favourable outcome even in the absence of specific therapy.