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Discussion 1

Marie Curie suffered from aplastic anemia due to radiation exposure. Aplastic anemia is a condition that occurs due to the bone marrow lacking enough blood cells and platelets (Georges, Doney & Storb, 2018). There are different reasons for recurrent viral, bacterial, parasitic, and fungal infections. The most common reasons for recurrent viral infections include having a certain allergy, secondary immunodeficiency, and the unusual exposure burden. An allergy is an immune system response to exposure to a certain substance. The reoccurrence of Marie's infections could have been due to allergic reactions due to the continued exposure to radiation and other substances in the place of work. The continuous exposure of the body to radiation may have caused an immunodeficiency disorder that impairs the body's ability to fight against infections. The unusual burden of exposure to radiation and other substances is also a reason for the infections' reoccurrence.

The different types of white blood cells include ¹ monocytes, lymphocytes, neutrophils, basophils, and eosinophils. Monocytes are responsible for the breakdown of bacteria, and Lymphocytes are responsible for creating antibodies that are responsible for fighting infections, neutrophils are responsible for the killing and digestion of bacteria and fungi. Basophils are responsible for sounding the alarm during the invading of infectious agents in the body (Shahin et.al, 2019). Eosinophils are responsible for the killing of parasites and cancer cells. The different types of blood cells are responsible for the fighting of infections. The lack of cell-mediated and humeral response in Marie was the damage caused to the blood cells, making them unable to fight any infections in the body.

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