



Satellite Lesions In Histoplasmosis

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Clinical image description

A 38-year-old woman was just diagnosed with human immunodeficiency virus and began ART. She presented to the clinic after a month with a week history of a few nodular lesions over the back and the elbow. She denied having a cough, fever, or itching from the lesions.

A nodular rash with a few satellite lesions around the principle nodule (Panel A) and one umbilicated nodule on the lateral aspect of the right elbow was found on physical examination (Panel B). Syphilis and serum cryptococcal antigen tests were negative. Skin biopsy was performed on the principal satellite nodular lesion over the back and elbow, and histological characteristics of cutaneous histoplasmosis were confirmed.

Furthermore, a "Urine for Histoplasma Antigen" test was performed to rule out disseminated histoplasmosis, which was also positive. Patients with disseminated histoplasmosis typically appear with systemic symptoms, with or without cutaneous involvement, and satellite lesions could be a telltale sign of disseminated histoplasmosis.



