



Dermoscopy of metatypic basal cell carcinoma: A new image

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Clinical image description

A 70 years old man, consulted for management of lesion on the right temporal level. The dermatological examination found a 3 cm ulcerous budding tumor on the right temporal level, surmounted by yellowish scaly skin. Histology had confirmed a metatypic basal cell carcinoma. we report a new dermoscopic image of basal cell carcinoma.

A 70 years old man, without pathological antecedent, with notion of prolonged sun exposure, consulted for management of lesion on the right temporal level, evolving since 2 years, asymptomatic increase in size. The dermatological examination found a 3 cm ulcerous budding tumor on the right temporal level,

surmounted by yellowish scaly skin (Figure1). Dermoscopy showed a whitish plug, ulceration in the centre, a linear vessel and a hairpin, and another in the trunk of a tree. Histology had confirmed a metatypic basal cell carcinoma (Figure 2).

Metatypical cell carcinoma can be considered as a new entity of skin cancer, being an intermediate typology between basal cell carcinomas and squamous cell carcinomas. The behaviour of the metatypical cell carcinoma lies between these two varieties of skin cancer. It is difficult to perform a differential diagnosis based on morphological and clinical features – therefore it is only possible by accurate histology.





Figure 1: ulcerous budding tumor on the right temporal level.

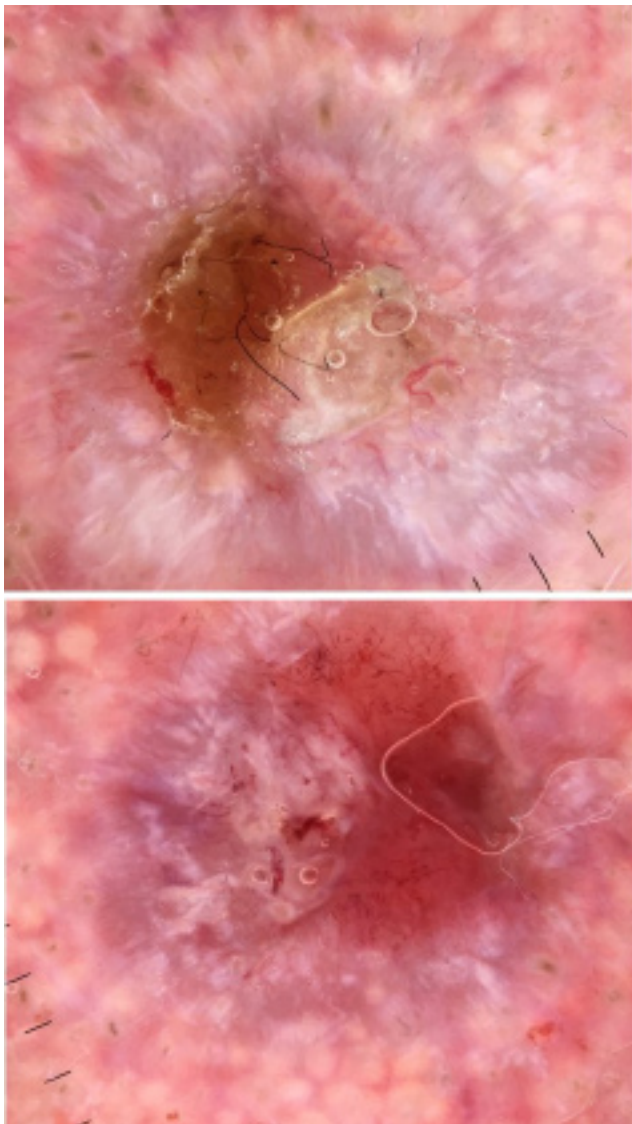


Figure 2: crisalides (grey check); yellowish scales (green arrow); tree trunk vessel (the yellow arrow) the white caps (the blue stars).