Case Report

Histoid lepromatous leprosy presenting as keloid-like nodules

呈疤痕疙瘩樣結節的組織樣瘤型癬癬

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A 26-year-old Phillipino lady presented with a one year history of multiple hypo- and hyperpigmented patches over the trunk and limbs with coppery-red nodules over her ear and limbs. A diagnosis of histoid lepromatous leprosy was made based on clinicopathological findings. The patient is currently treated with multidrug therapy.

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Introduction

Histoid leprosy is a rare form of multibacillary leprosy with distinct clinical and histopathological features. We report a Philippino lady with histoid lepromatous leprosy presenting as asymptomatic keloid-like nodules with multiple patches of hyperpigmentation and hypopigmentation. The diagnosis was made on the clinicopathological findings.

Case report

A 26-year-old Philippino lady presented with several non-tender and non-itchy keloid-like nodules over her right ear, right thigh and trunk. She was also noted to have an asymptomatic patch of hyperpigmentation over her right knee for 1 year. Later in the course of the disease she developed faint hypopigmented lesions over her trunk. There was no preceding trauma. Her past health was unremarkable. She was born in the Philippines and has been living in Hong Kong for the past five years. None of her other family members were affected.