



DERMOSCOPY AND SKIN IMAGING

DERMOSCOPIIC FEATURE OF TERRA FIRMA-FORME DERMATOSIS; CORNFLAKE-LIKE APPEARANCE.

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Background: Terra firma-forme dermatosis is a dermatologic condition with dirt-colored patches and plaques on the concaved skin area such as neck, supraclavicular areas, and ankles of children. The brownish patches are usually hard to remove by washing with soap, but easily treated with isopropyl alcohol, which allowed clinicians to make a clinical diagnosis. The lesion is considered as a keratinocyte retention disorder rather than a proliferative one. Not a few cases are misdiagnosed clinically and diagnosed correctly after skin biopsy.

Observation: Here we present two typical cases involving one-year-old girl and 5-year-old boy. The former case was referred to us from a dermatology specialist. The latter case was also suffered from dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa. Dermaoscopy showed light brown small patches keeping off from the furrows of the skin texture, which looked like “cornflakes”.

Key message: We believe that the dermoscopic feature is helpful for reminding physicians of this condition to avoid unnecessary skin biopsy. Then, wiping the lesion with isopropyl alcohol is important for both the confirmation of diagnosis and the treatment.

