



HUMANITARIAN DERMATOLOGY/MIGRANT HEALTH

## A RARE CASE OF ISOLATED GIANT CEREBRIFORM CONNECTIVE TISSUE NEVUS OF THE LUMBAR REGION

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**Background:** Connective tissue nevi are cutaneous hamartomas in which one of the components of the extracellular connective tissue – collagen, elastic fibers, or glycosaminoglycans – is present in abnormal amounts. The connective tissue nevus with a cerebriform pattern is rare, and the localization on the palmoplantar region is a specific criterion of Proteus syndrome.

**Observation:** We report a 31-year-old black man with an exophytic mass on his right hip. Physical examination showed a skin-colored tumor larger than 20 cm in diameter with a cerebriform pattern on his lumbar region. The lesion was present since the patient was a child. The patient was in good health and did not suffer from any other diseases. Histopathological examination of the lesion after complete surgical removal revealed the diagnosis of cerebriform connective tissue nevus.

**Key message:** Our patient was diagnosed with a giant cerebriform connective tissue nevus on the hip in the absence of Proteus syndrome. To the best of our knowledge, there is only another reported case of isolated giant cerebriform connective tissue nevus of lumbar region without Proteus syndrome.

