LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Mixed (Lichenoid and Macular) Cutaneous Amyloidoses

Referring to the article "Mixed (Lichenoid and Macular) Cutaneous Amyloidoses" by J. Toribio, P. A. Quiñones, T. R. Vigil and C. S. Santa-Cruz, that appeared in vol. 55, 221–226, 1975, we have found that biphasic amyloidosis is not uncommon.

From our large study of 134 cases with primary cutaneous amyloidosis over a period of 2 years (Aug. 1972 to July 1974) (1), it is clearly a common skin disease among Chinese-Thai females. The cutaneous deposition of amyloid usually appears on legs, arms, interscapular area, trunk and, rarely, on the face and pinna. Biphasic amyloidosis was noted in 20 cases. Furthermore, diffuse macular cutaneous involvement with amyloid deposits covering every square centimeter from head to toe was recorded in three patients. They also had papular lesions of lichen amyloidosus on both legs (2). Immunoglobulins and complement (C_3) were found in association with amyloid deposits in a case of biphasic amyloidosis (3).

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