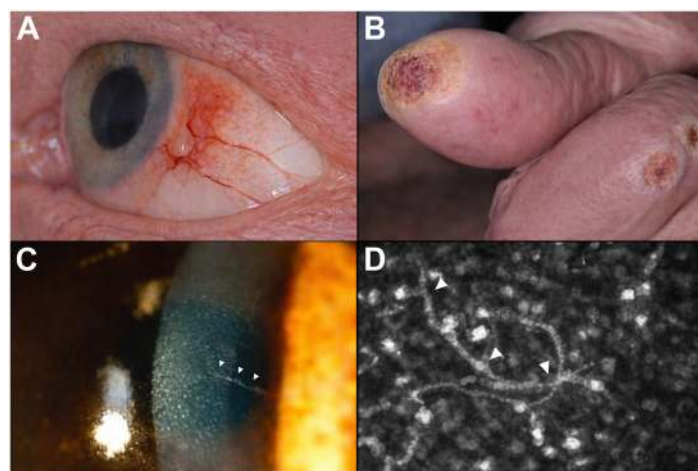


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Leprosy without Borders: Ocular and Cutaneous Manifestations beyond Endemic Areas

A patient from Congo traveled to Paris to undergo cataract surgery. One month after an uneventful procedure, the patient was referred to our department due to the appearance of multiple firm scleral nodules (A). Clinical examination revealed asymptomatic distal ulcerations on the fingers (B) and multiple subcutaneous nodules. Slit-lamp examination revealed complete corneal anesthesia with markedly hypertrophied nerves (arrowheads, C) that appeared moniliform on in vivo confocal microscopy (arrowheads, D). Given the combination of ocular findings with asymptomatic digital involvement, subcutaneous nodules, and underlying immunosuppression (HIV+), leprosy was suspected. Skin biopsy and bacteriological examination confirmed multibacillary leprosy, consistent with a borderline form of leprosy. (Magnified version of Figure A-D is available online at www.aaojournal.org).

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