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Ultraviolet-induced fluorescence trichoscopy of trichobacteriosis axillaris

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A 23-year-old female presented with complaint of malodour from bilateral axillae for two years, which worsened during summers. Examination revealed firmly adherent, yellow-white concretions along multiple hair shafts in both axillae associated with an offensive smell [Figure 1]. These concretions showed bluish fluorescence under Wood's lamp [Figure 2]. Polarized trichoscopy showed pale-yellow, cotton-like waxy structures forming sheaths, nodules, and concretions along the hair shafts [Figure 3], which showed bluish fluorescence on ultraviolet-induced fluorescence trichoscopy [Figure 4]. Microscopic examination of 10% potassium hydroxide mount revealed irregular cottony



Figure 1: Firmly adherent, yellow-white concretions along multiple hair shafts over right axilla.



Figure 2: Bluish fluorescence under Wood's lamp.

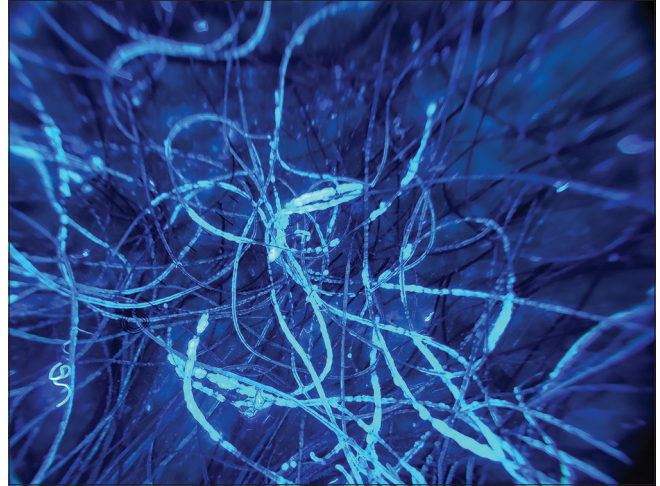


Figure 4: Ultraviolet-induced fluorescence trichoscopy showing bluish fluorescent concretions (DermLite DL5, $\times 20$).



Figure 3: Polarized trichoscopy showing pale-yellow, cotton-like waxy structures forming sheaths, nodules, and concretions along the hair shafts (DermLite DL5, $\times 20$).

concretions along hair shafts. She was diagnosed with trichobacteriosis axillaris (trichomycosis axillaris) based on the above findings. The patient was advised to shave her axillary hair and prescribed clindamycin phosphate 1% gel for twice daily topical application resulting in remission within two weeks.

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