Abstract

Malignant melanoma of the choroid considered rare in blacks was sonographically observed in both eyes of a 47 year old fair-skinned Nigeria lady, the first reported bilateral case in Nigeria. Clinically, the tumour in the right eye occupied almost half of the posterior segment while that in the left was of a lesser dimension. Histologically the tumour was of he mixed cell type, the more malignant variety (spindle and epitheloid melanocytic cells). There was no evidence of pre-existing melanosis of the eyes or skin in the lady. The short history and the rapid progression to death support the view that small melanomas carry a better prognosis than larger ones. With the introduction of orbito-ocular sonography at our centre we may be able to show that ocular melanoma may not be so rare in the Nigerian African.

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