Histoplasma Capsulatum in a Human Eye

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In this paper a case of histoplasmosis is described, in which the fundus was demonstrated in microscopic preparations of the enucleated eye. This is the first time that *Histoplasma capsulatum* has been found in the human eye.

Discussion

van den Heuvel compliments Hoefnagels on this finding. In 1964 he demonstrated the fundus of some patients to this Society, in which there was a focus of choroiditis at the posterior pole near the macula. The histoplasmin skin test was negative, but after an intracutaneous injection a haemorrhage always occurred round the lesion. It was not possible to say more than that histoplasmosis was probable. It is thus of importance that the presence of *histoplasma* has been demonstrated in a case with a negative skin reaction to histoplasmin. He asks the speaker the following questions:

Was amphotericine not given because of the patient's kidney disease?

Were mycelia found in the preparation, or only the yeast form?

Hoefnagels replies that amphotericine was not given. Only the yeast form was found in the preparations.