

Correspondence

Leber's congenital amaurosis

SIR, Chew, Deutman, Pinckers, and Aan de Kerk recently reported a case of Leber's congenital amaurosis with the uncommon fundus variant of 'marbilised fundus,'¹ in which the age of onset of the fundus lesions was unknown. The authors cited two previous reports from the literature in which similar fundus lesions were found at age 21 months and 4 years with histories of previously normal fundi.

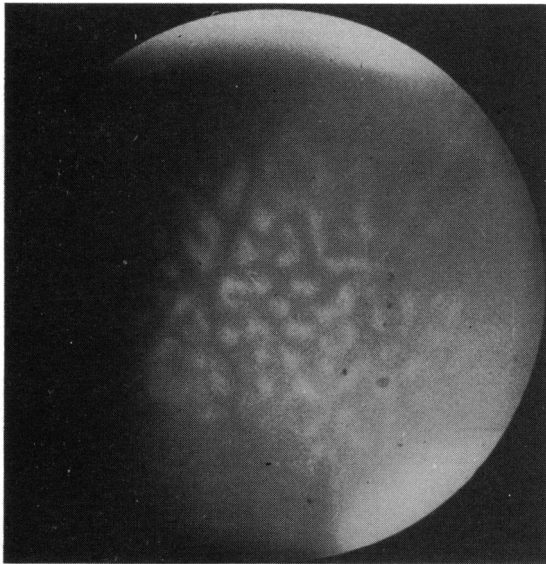


Fig. 1 Peripheral fundus OD.

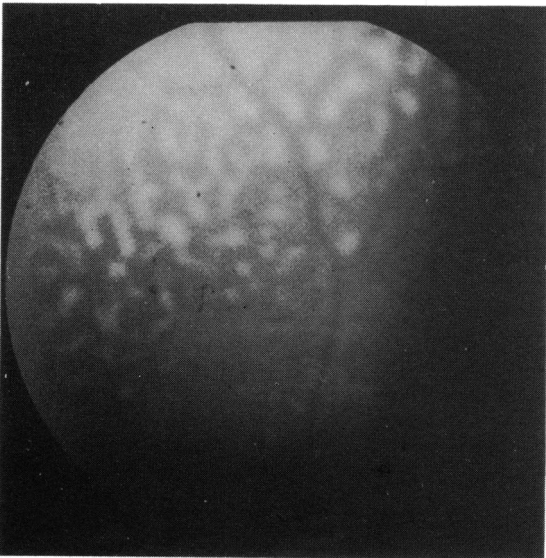


Fig. 2 Peripheral fundus OS.

We have had occasion to see a similar case, first in 1974 when the patient, a black female with no apparent vision but otherwise well, was 6 months old. At that time dilated fundus examination under anaesthesia (EUA) was normal. Repeat EUA in 1977 at age 4 years revealed bilateral peripheral fundus lesions essentially identical to those described by Chew *et al.* (Figs. 1, 2), along with bilaterally unrecordable ERGs and flash VERs.

Our case provides further evidence that this fundus variant of Leber's amaurosis develops between 6 months and 2 years of age.

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Book review

My First Library: Sight. By JILL BENNETT AND ROGER SMITH. Pp. 29. £3.50. Macdonald: London. 1984.

This is one of a series of educational books under the series My First Library. Written for children, these educational books give a simple explanation of various aspects of our lives—for example, others in the series are on computers, homes around the world, and several other themes.

Sight is well illustrated throughout in colour photographs and drawings, the balance between the two being carefully considered. It is often more effective for children to have a simple colour illustration, and the authors have used these with great effect. A general introduction to seeing is followed by simple explanations of the eyes' function, focusing, eye protection, binocular vision, and simple experiments such as locating the blind spot and physiological diplopia. Blindness is covered in a simple, factual, unalarming manner emphasising the positive aspects such as Stevie Wonder's success as a musician.

This is an excellent book for children and a must for all children's libraries, and it would make an excellent present for any inquisitive child.

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Note

Pakistan journal

A newcomer to the field of ophthalmic literature is the *Pakistan Journal of Ophthalmology*. The first number appeared in October 1984, and we wish the journal all good fortune and a long and distinguished career. It is the official journal of the Ophthalmological Society of Pakistan, and its address is 1921 Park Avenue SW, Norton, Virginia 24273, USA.