Ocular melanocytosis and cavernous haemangioma of the optic disc

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Cavernous haemangioma of the optic disc is a rare vascular tumour that may occasionally produce a vitreous haemorrhage.\(^7\) Ocular melanocytosis, on the other hand, is a more common condition but one that is associated with an increased incidence of uveal melanoma.\(^1\) We encountered an unusual case in which ocular melanocytosis was associated with a cavernous haemangioma of the optic disc that had been masked behind a dense vitreous haemorrhage.

Case report
A 38-year-old man was referred with a diagnosis of vitreous haemorrhage of the right eye due to a tumour of the optic disc. Over the past 7 years, he had been seen on several occasions with vitreous haemorrhages, each of which had resorbed spontaneously.

When first examined by us, visual acuity in the right eye was finger counting. The diagnosis of ocular melanocytosis was based upon the presence of several dark scleral flecks (Fig 1) and iris hyperchromia. Visualisation of the fundus was obscured by a vitreous haemorrhage, and B scan ultrasonography disclosed a 4-5 mm thick mass covering the optic disc (Fig 2). The anterior two thirds of the mass were moderately reflective,
Atypical cytomegalovirus retinitis: a clinicopathological correlation

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Cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis occurs in 15%–20% of patients with AIDS and untreated is a progressive and potentially blinding disease. Treatment of CMV retinitis with intravenous ganciclovir or foscarinet is well established but both of these drugs are only virostatic and therefore once CMV retinitis is in remission a maintenance dose is required for the rest of the patient’s life to prevent reactivation. We present a case of CMV retinitis which remained in remission for 20 months without ganciclovir or foscarinet treatment.

Case report
A 26-year-old homosexual man was diagnosed HIV antibody positive in 1988. In February 1990, routine ophthalmic screening revealed HIV retinopathy of the right eye while the appearance of the left eye was of an uncertain