

In Reply to Vazquez

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We thank Dr. Vazquez for their comments on our article. We agree with the author's discussion of four relevant infiltrative mimics and the clinical features that should raise suspicion for these conditions. Although this patient's presentation was not consistent with any of these more serious conditions, we agree that clinicians should consider and recognize these entities when evaluating eyelid masses.

Ocular sarcoidosis can involve any ocular structure, and its heterogeneous clinical presentation can pose a significant diagnostic challenge. The revised International Workshop on Ocular Sarcoidosis (IWOS-2019) and Standardization of Uveitis Nomenclature (SUN) criteria can help guide diagnosis; however, definitive diagnosis relies on biopsy and histopathologic confirmation.¹⁻³ Although granulomatous uveitis remains the predominant manifestation of ocular sarcoidosis, we have encountered a case in which unilateral eyelid mass/swelling was the sole manifestation and was confirmed by open biopsy and histopathologic examination.

IgG4-related ophthalmic disease can present as masses, enlargement, or hypertrophic lesions involving various ophthalmic tissues.⁴ We also have encountered a case presenting with eyelid swelling and a conjunctival mass.

We agree that ocular adnexal lymphoma and idiopathic orbital inflammation may both manifest as eyelid masses and should therefore be included in the differential diagnosis. Another relevant mimic is thyroid orbitopathy, which may present with asymmetric eyelid edema, usually accompanied by mild proptosis, in its early stages.⁵

Overall, we believe Dr. Vazquez's comments complement our discussion and further highlight the importance of maintaining a broad differential diagnosis that includes infiltrative mimics. The widespread use of dermal fillers in the periorbital region can result in long-term complications that often are bilateral and recognizable; however, as illustrated by this case,⁶ patients may not recall prior filler treatments or may not consider them relevant to their current presentation.

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