

Trichobacteriosis axillaris caused by Dermabacter hominis.

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Abstract

Trichobacteriosis is a frequent superficial bacterial infection of the hair, mainly affecting sweat gland bearing areas such as axillae and genital region, and also rarely the scalp.(1-3) The disease is characterized by bacterial overgrowth forming nodular concretions, usually of yellow color (infrequently black or reddish), which are firmly attached to the hair shaft.(1,4) Clinical hallmarks are rancid, acidic odor, unpleasant "dirty" sensation, and staining of clothes. Although most cases have been associated to different species of corynebacteria, the full etiologic spectrum of this infection is uncertain .(1,5) Here we report the first case of trichobacteriosis caused by *Dermabacter hominis*.