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Myiasis cutis diffusa: A case report

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Abstract

Myiasis is a condition resulting from invasion of living human and animal's tissues by larval stages of flies. Male Yemeni patient 30 years old had multiple furuncles like skin lesions in the upper trunk. It associated with stabbing pain (caused by creeping a foreign body subcutaneously). The duration varied from two days to one week. The larvae were detected in the skin lesions. I used the forceps accidentally and gently catch the larvae and removed them from the fruncular skin lesions. The clinical data and detection of the larvae showed the patient has cutaneous myiasis and the causative agent was the larvae of the tumbu fly, Cordylobia anthropophaga species. It penetrate the patients normal skin and removed by forceps or squeezing the skin lesion by the patient himself thinking that is abscess to remove the pus. Cutaneous myiasis was not rare in Republic of Yemen. Health education, hygiene and control the flies restrict the incidence of this disease.