

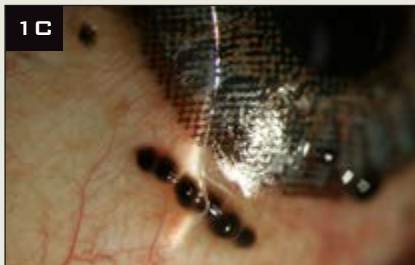
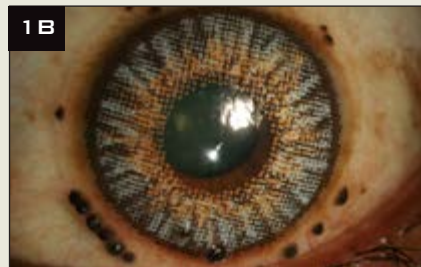
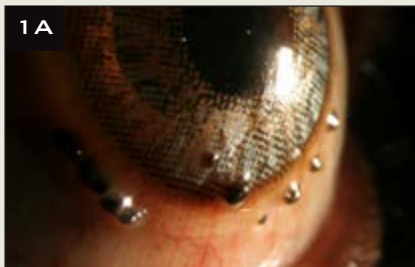
THIS MONTH'S BLINK

# *Exophiala Xenobiotica* on a Contact Lens

**A** 45-year-old man had been continuously wearing his colored contact lenses (purchased 7 weeks prior) for the past 3 weeks. His visual acuity was 20/40 OU with correction. A black fungus was visualized on his left contact lens (Figs. 1A-1D). Polymerase chain reaction of cultures from the lens identified the “black yeast” as *Exophiala xenobiotica*. Fungal culture stained with lactophenol blue showed conidiophores accumulating at the tip of the anelliades and sliding down their length (Fig. 2; original magnification x400).

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