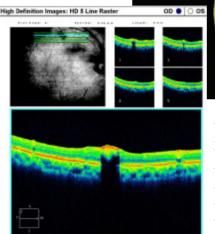
THIS MONTH'S BLINK

Presumed (Inactive) Ophthalmomyiasis

79-year-old
African-American
man was referred
for an incidental finding of
an abnormal right fundus
during cataract evaluation. In 1976, he had been
told that his eye had "abnormalities," but no specific diagnosis was made at
that time. He has not had
any visual complaints over
the subsequent years.

He presented to us with vision of 20/25, and no active anterior or posterior

inflammation. Fluorescein angiography revealed extensive areas of hyperfluorescent, linear lesions throughout the posterior pole extending into the periphery. There was a mildly elevated but inactive



chorioretinal scar superior to macula. The left eye was normal. We concluded that these findings were most likely the result of ophthalmomyiasis—an infection of the eye with fly larvae—in the distant past.

No treatment is warranted, given the absence of inflammation

or visual complaints.

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