

Ocular alterations in patients with cutaneous and mucocutaneous leishmaniasis.

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Abstract:

Leishmaniasis is a parasitosis with high prevalence and increasing epidemiologic relevance. Ocular manifestations of visceral leishmaniasis (kala-azar) have been well studied, but less is known about ocular alterations in cutaneous and mucocutaneous leishmaniasis (CL/MCL). Fifty-five patients with CL/MCL and a seronegative control group of 39 were examined ophthalmologically in Paraguay. CL/MCL was diagnosed clinically by detection of the parasite, with serological methods and/or intradermal reaction.