

HARADA



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Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease



- ❧ Severe bilateral granulomatous intraocular inflammation associated with serous retinal detachments, disk edema, and vitritis, with eventual development of a sunset glow fundus.
- ❧ Autoimmune disease mediated by T cells that target melanocytes in individuals susceptible to the disease.

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Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease



- ☞ **4 different phases:** prodromal, uveitic, convalescent, and recurrent,
- ☞ **extraocular manifestations** including headache, meningismus, hearing loss, poliosis, and vitiligo, to varying degrees.
- ☞ Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease can have good final outcomes if treated promptly.

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VKH Phases



1-The prodromal phase

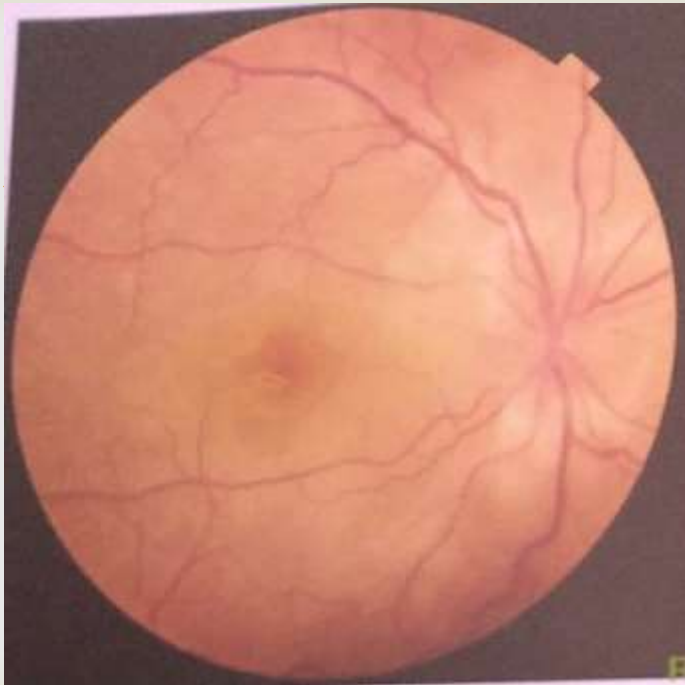
- ☞ may present as a viral infection (few days - few weeks).
- ☞ Include headache (82%), meningismus (55%), fever (18%), nausea (9%), vertigo (9%), orbital pain, and auditory disturbances.

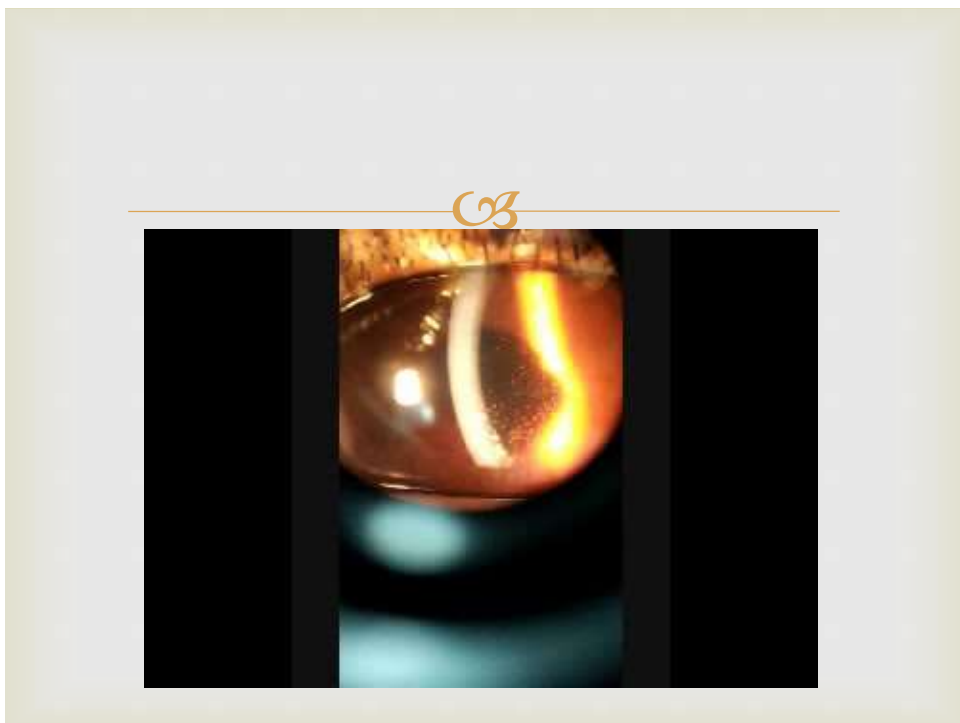
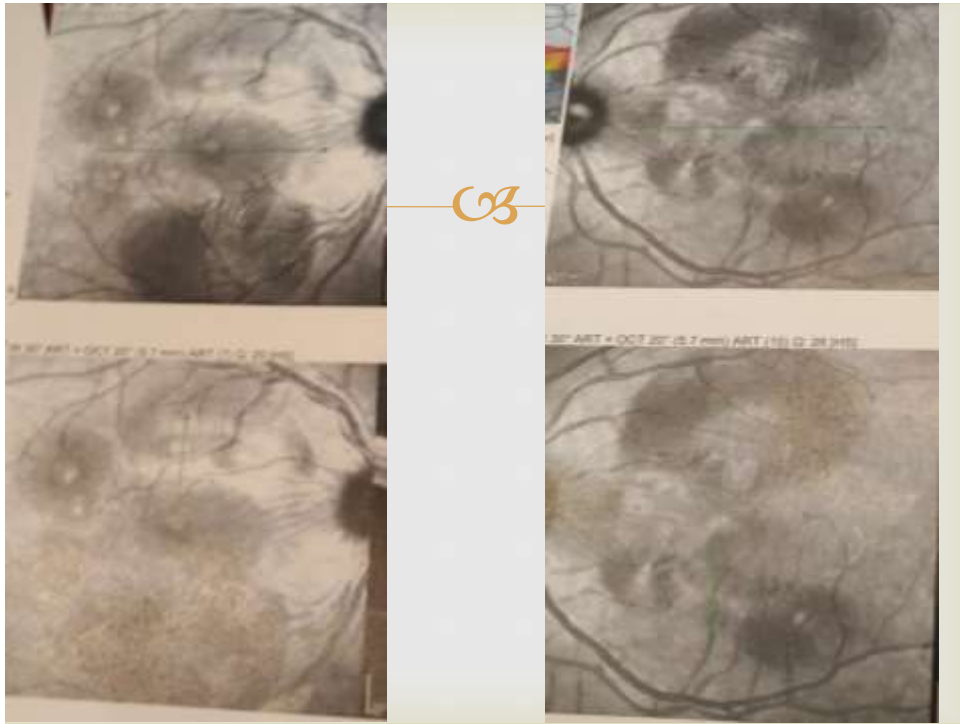
VKH Phases



2- Acute uveitic phase

- ☞ Sudden onset, bilateral granulomatous uveitis in up to 70% of patients, with pockets of sub-retinal fluid and choroidal thickening, blurring of vision, and conjunctival injection.
- ☞ Signs also include swelling and hyperemia of the optic disc and retinal edema.
- ☞ *Vitritis and anterior uveitis* are **not necessary** for the diagnosis!

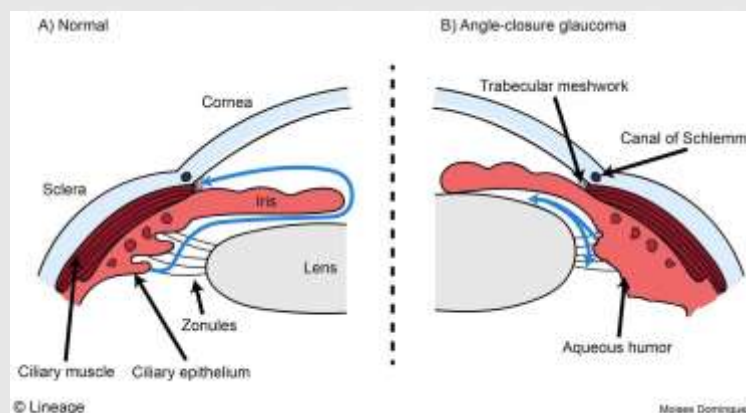


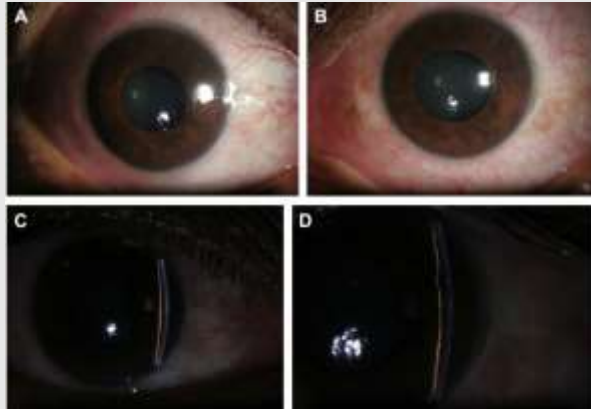


Intra Ocular Pressure



- ✧ Initially there is increase in intraocular pressure in up to 54%.
- ✧ Transient swelling of the ciliary body → forward displacement of the lens-iris diaphragm → shallow AC.
- ✧ The ++IOP responds better to steroids than to anti-glaucoma medications.
- ✧ However; hypotony can also be present.





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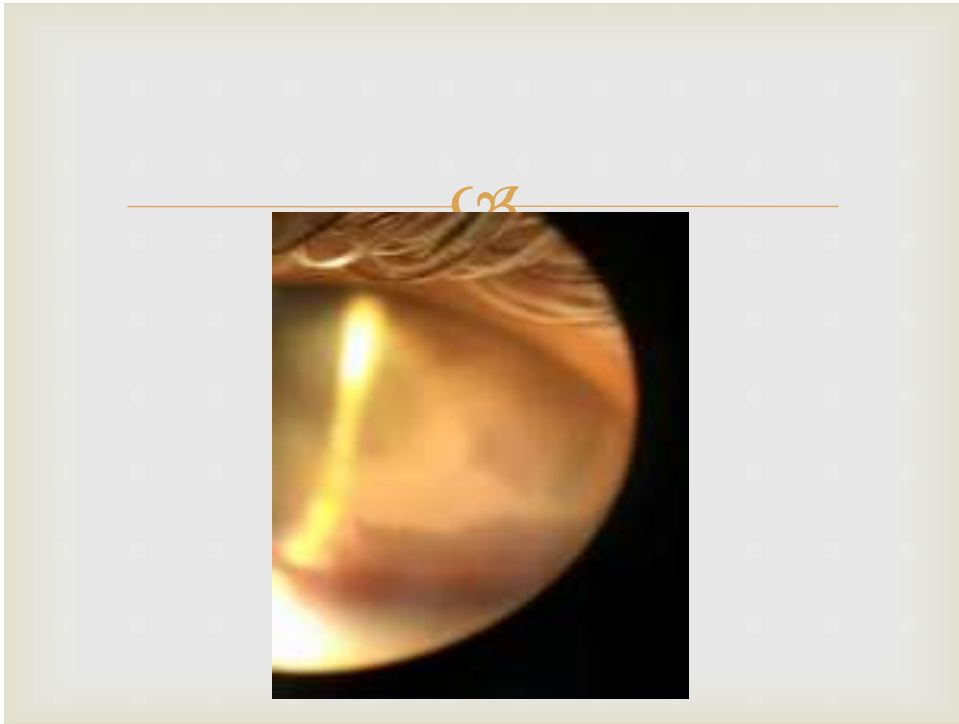
3- Convalescent phase

- ☞ Several weeks to months after the acute uveitic phase.
- ☞ Depigmentation of the choroid, vitiligo, and poliosis occurs.
- ☞ Depigmentation of the choroid usually takes 2 to 3 months → “sunset glow”



4- Chronic recurrent phase

- ❧ Chronic recurrent intraocular inflammation develops in some of the patients; usually resistant to systemic steroid therapy.
- ❧ This chronic recurrent phase usually 6 to 9 months after initial presentation
- ❧ Marked by complications such as retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) proliferation, subretinal fibrosis, CNV...



Extraocular manifestations

1- Neurologic findings

- ☞ headache, meningismus, or cerebrospinal fluid pleocytosis.
- ☞ Patients may also present with focal neurologic signs including cranial neuropathies, transverse myelitis, hemiparesis, and aphasia.



2- Auditory findings

- ❧ 18 - 50 % have some form of sensory hearing loss, (at higher frequencies).
- ❧ Tinnitus is present in 42%.
- ❧ Auditory symptoms often responds well to steroids.



3- Integumentary findings

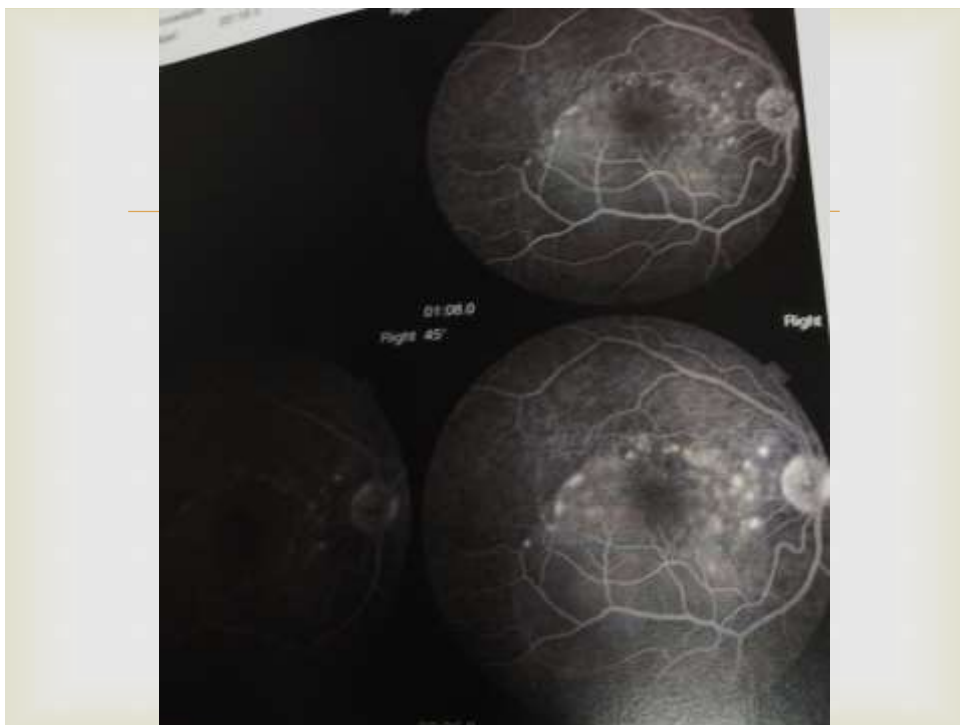
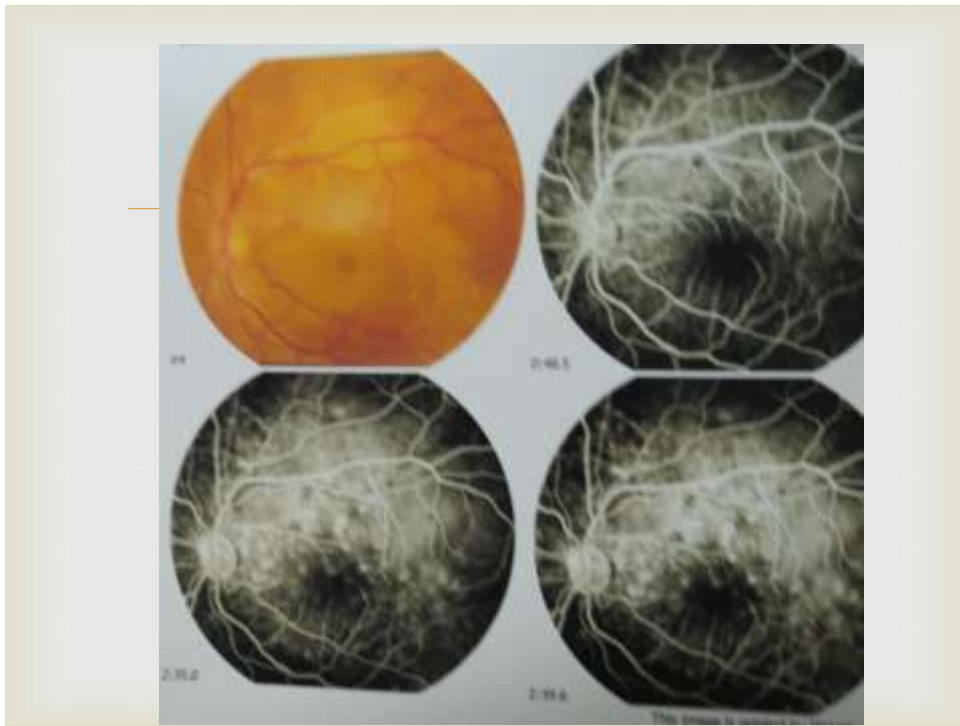
- ❧ During the convalescent phase, with depigmentation of the choroid, the eyebrows, eyelashes, hair, and skin also lose pigment, resulting in poliosis and vitiligo.
- ❧ In 30 % of patients.

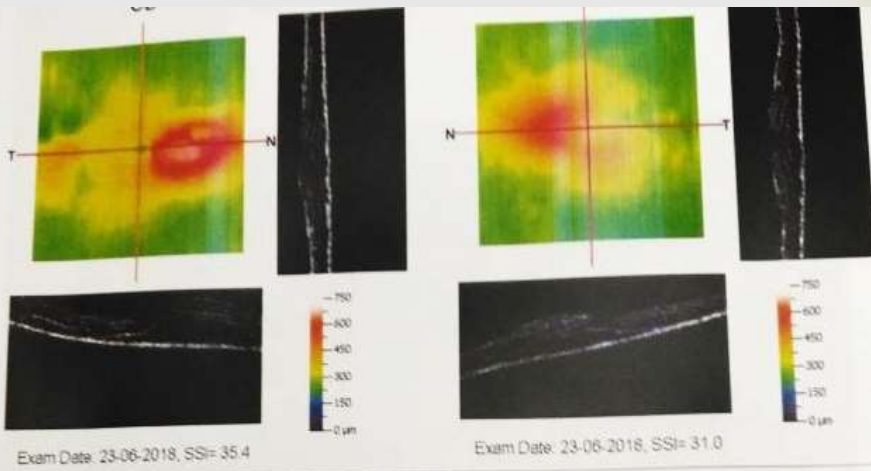
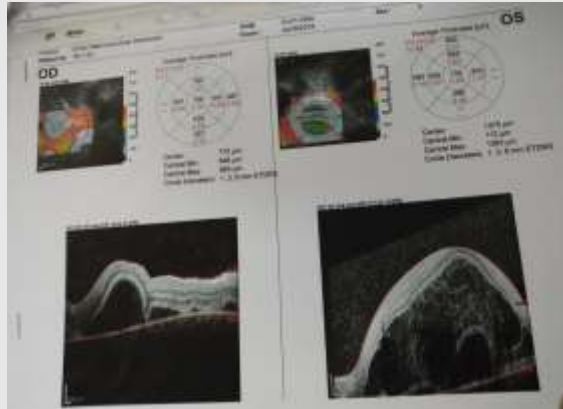


Revised diagnostic criteria for Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease

- Complete Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome** ←
1. No history of penetrating ocular trauma or surgery preceding the initial onset of uveitis
 2. No clinical or laboratory evidence suggestive of other ocular disease entities
 3. **Bilateral ocular involvement (1a1 or 1a2) must be met, depending on stage of disease**
 - Early manifestations
 1. Diffuse choroiditis, focal areas of subretinal fluid, bullous serous retinal detachments
 2. If equibulbar fundus findings, then the following must be present:
 - a. Focal areas of delays in choroidal perfusion, multifocal areas of pinpoint leakage, large placoid areas of hyperfluorescence, pooling within subretinal fluid, and optic nerve staining
 - b. Diffuse choroidal thickening, without evidence of posterior scleritis by ultrasonography
 - Late manifestations
 1. History suggestive of prior disease based on findings in the following
 2. Ocular depigmentation: sunset glow fundus or Sugiura's sign
 3. Other signs: nummular chorioretinal depigmented scars, RPE clumping or migration, or recurrent or chronic anterior uveitis
 4. Neurological findings (may have resolved): meningismus, tinnitus, or CSF pleocytosis (Note: headache alone is not sufficient.)
 5. Intercurrentary findings (not preceding the onset of uveitis): alopecia, poliosis, or vitiligo
- Incomplete Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome** ←
Criteria 1-3 and either 4 or 5 must be present
- Probable Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome** ←
Criteria 1-3 must be present

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Differential Diagnosis



Table 5 – Differential diagnosis of Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome

Prior trauma	Infectious etiologies	Malignancies	Inflammatory diseases
Sympathetic ophthalmia	Bacterial infection Fungal infection Tuberculosis Syphilis	Intraocular lymphoma Diffuse uveal lymphoid hyperplasia Bilateral diffuse uveal melanocytic hyperplasia Monoclonal gammopathies Systemic lymphoma or leukemia	Bilateral posterior scleritis Sarcoidosis Acute posterior multifocal placoid pigment epitheliopathy Multiple evanescent white dot syndrome Lupus choroidopathy

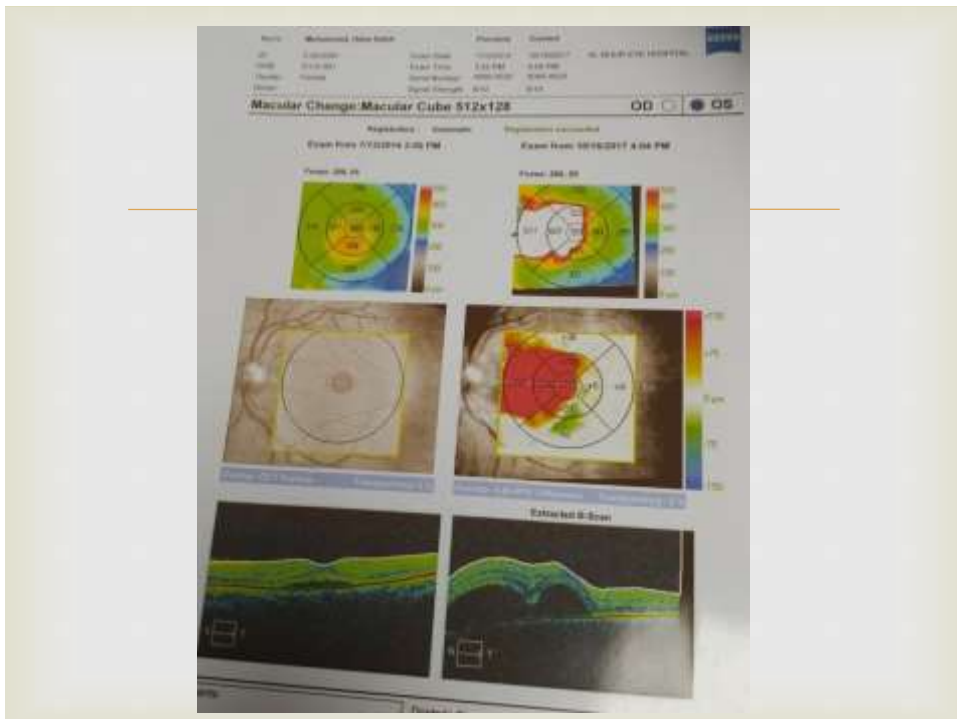


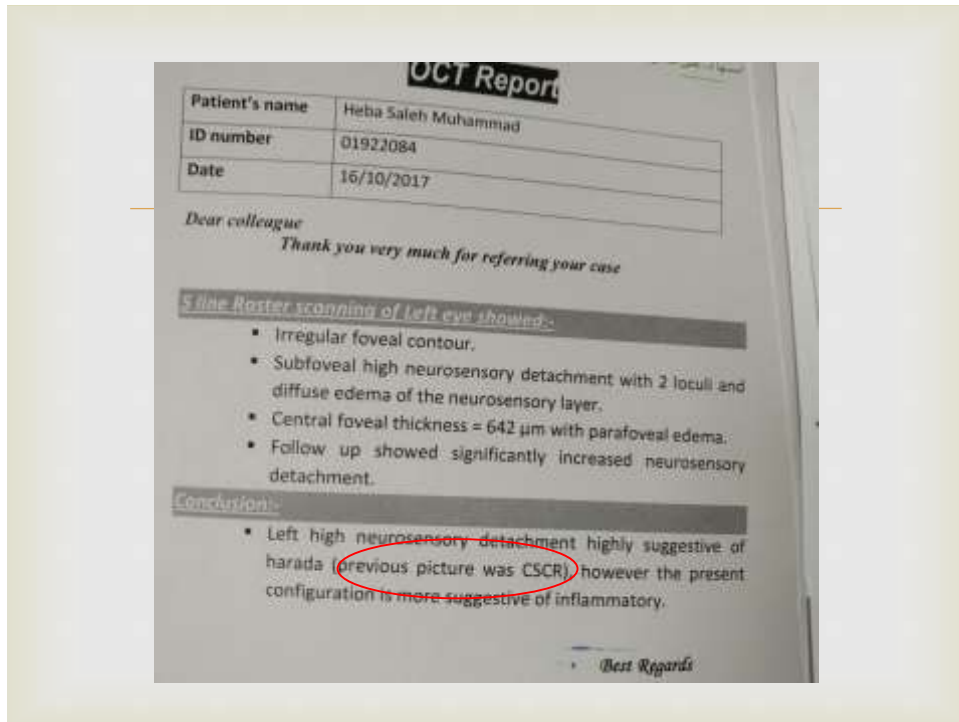
case # 1

6/2014



- ⌘ 22 y old female.
 - ⌘ Acute blurring of vision Left eye
 - ⌘ L CSR managed conservatively until spontaneous recovery with LVA 20/20-
 - ⌘ R eye normal.
- 10/2017
- ⌘ Recurrence of L blurring of vision.
 - ⌘ Recurrence of L CSR.
 - ⌘ R eye normal.
 - ⌘ Ordered new FA and OCT.

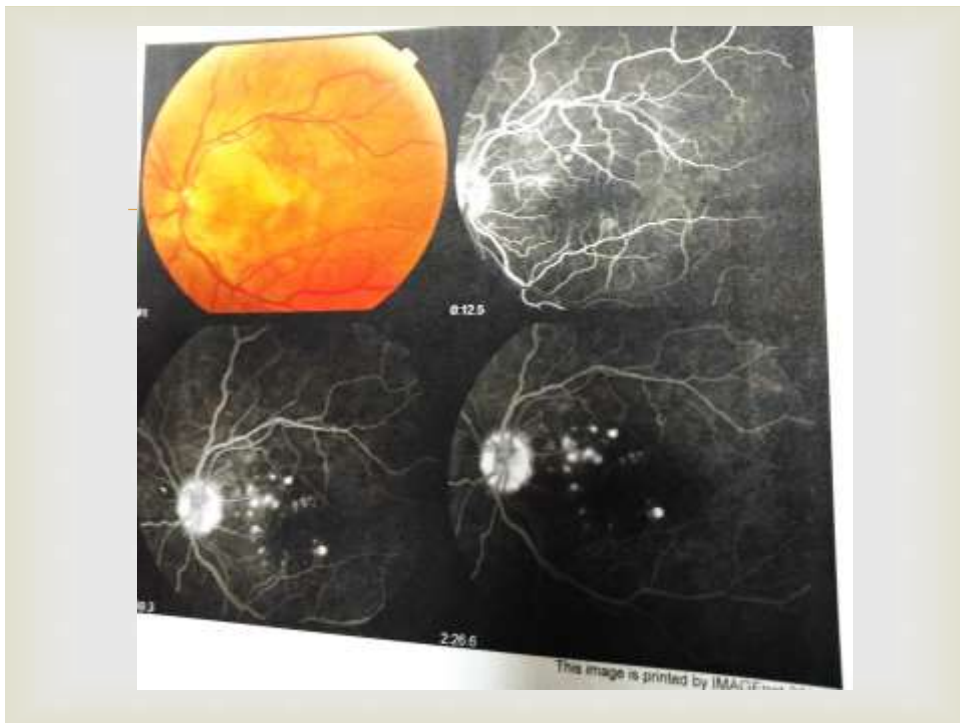
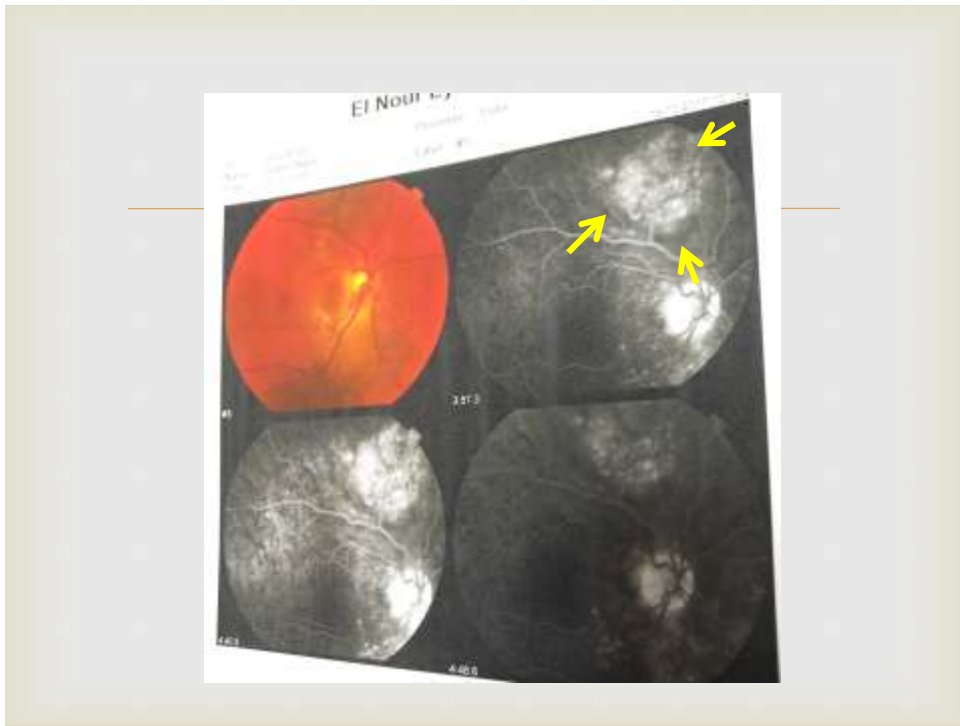


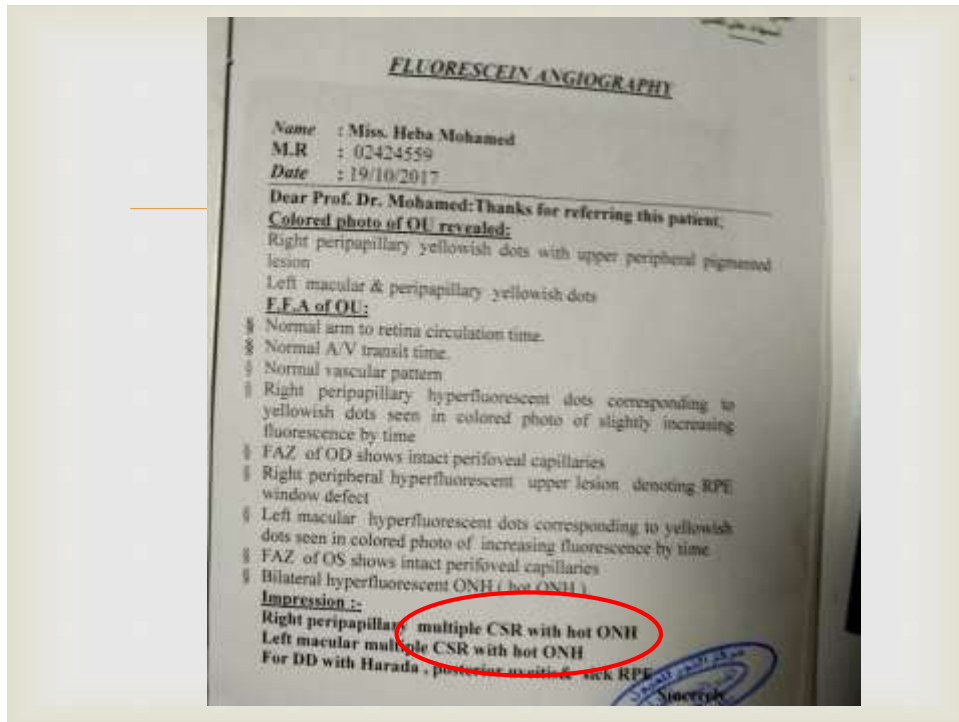


Revise diagnosis

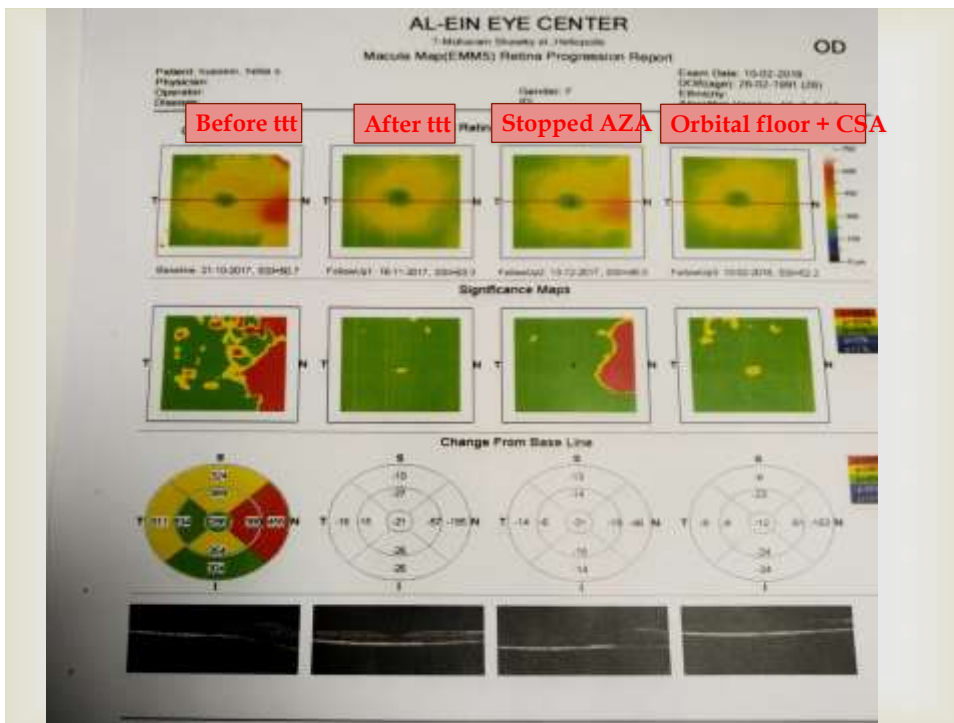
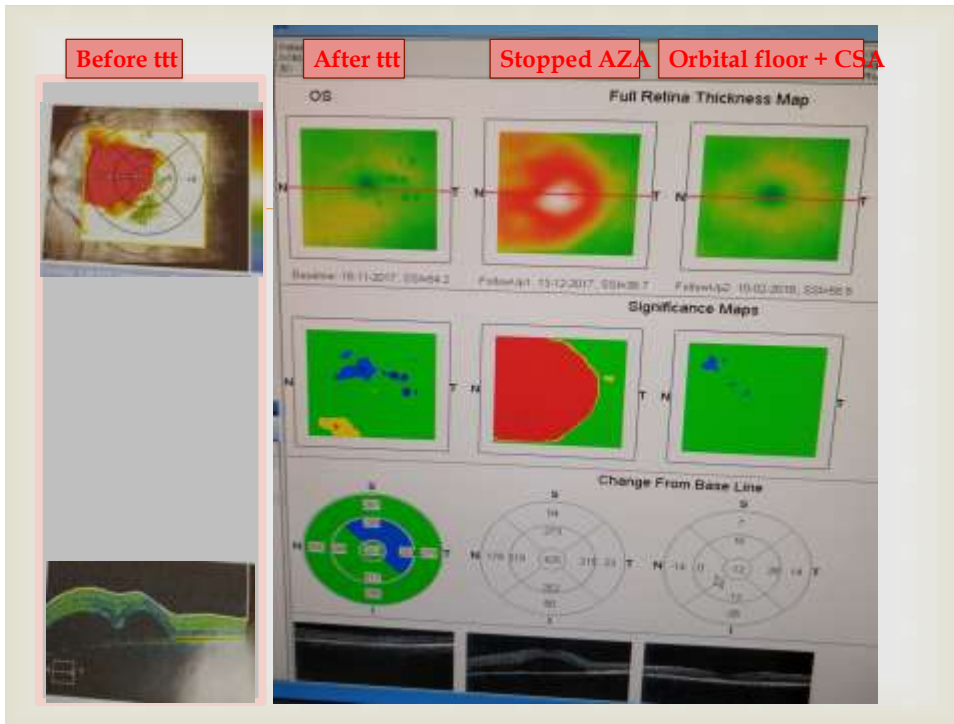


- ⌘ Noticed the presence of small exudative detachment in the right eye as well.
- ⌘ Few vitreous cells and few small fresh KPs
- ⌘ Diagnostic criteria for Harada is now present!
- ⌘ Change in pathology? Atypical Harada at the beginning?
- ⌘ Treatment is the opposite to that of CSR!





- ❧ Started immuno-suppression Pred 20mg+ AZA 100
→ Excellent recovery.
- ❧ Raised liver enzymes → stopped AZA → relapse.
- ❧ L orbital floor deprofuse + CSA 200mg +pred back to 20mg.
- ❧ Recovered and maintained remission on CSA 200 + pred 10mg.



case # 2



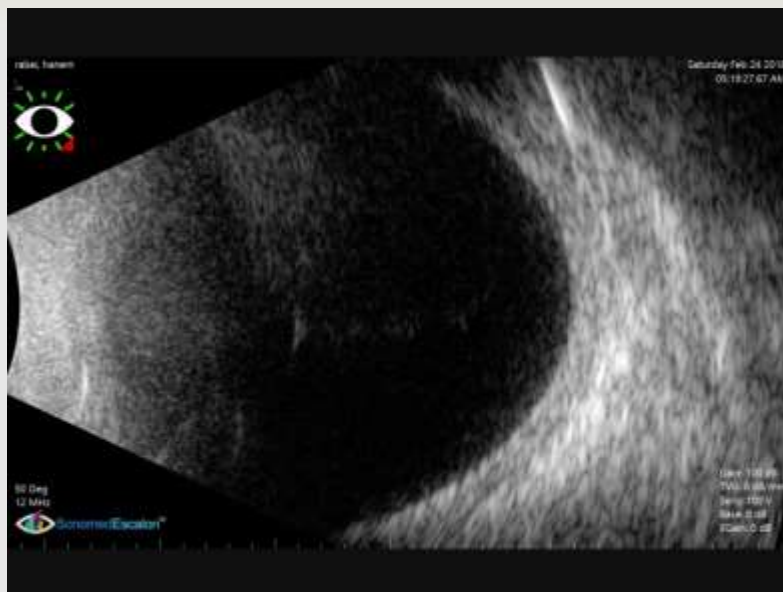
15 year old girl.

- ⌘ August 2017 headache and poor vision
bilateral VA 0.3, shallow AC, CD 0.7 & 0.3 resp.
IOP 30 & 26 resp. on Azarga & alphagan
VEP & ERG sub-normal, FA choroidal atrophy?
- ⌘ IOP steadily increased over the next months to 40s/50s
despite adding Travatan.
- ⌘ January 2018 Right trabeculectomy + MMC = releasable
suture kept tight.



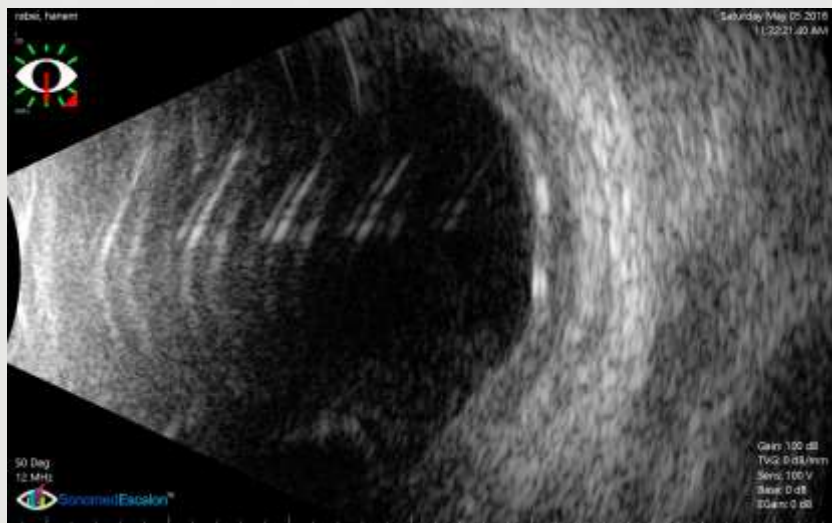


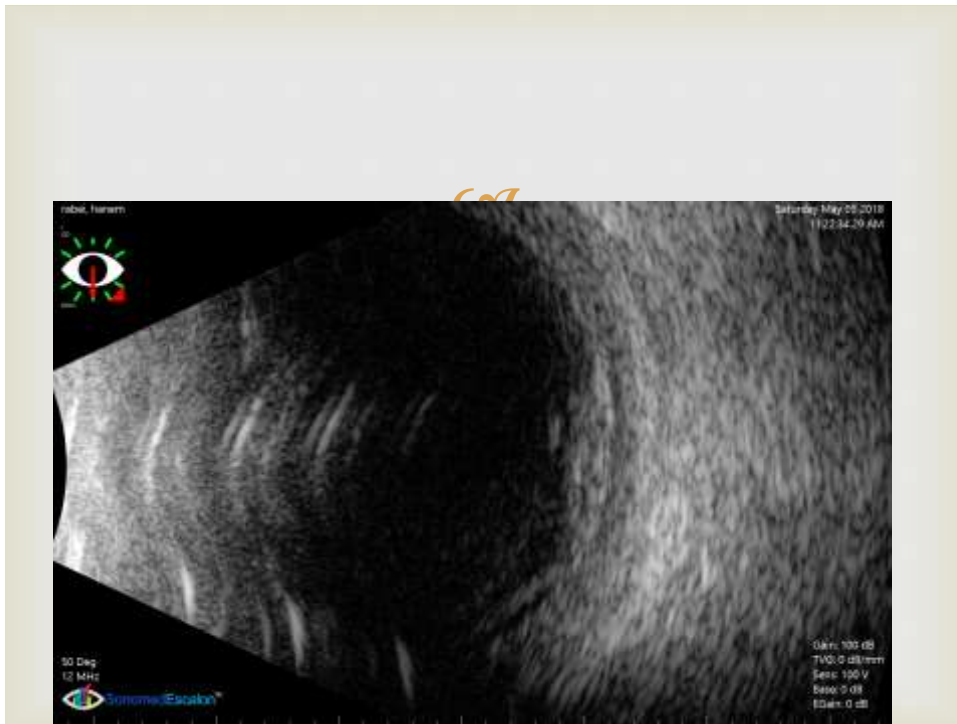
- ❧ R IOP 27 with very shallow AC (no touch).
- ❧ Suture released ---IOP 17 with formed bleb with shallow AC.





- ☞ March/2018 IOP 34 & 28 resp.
- ☞ April/2018 acute onset severe headache dizziness and loss of vision (HM) bilaterally .
Bilateral+4 cells vitritis (BIO +++) inferior exudative RD, disc hyperaemia.
B scan: vitritis, inferior exudative detachment, thickened choroid bilateraly.





What is going on?

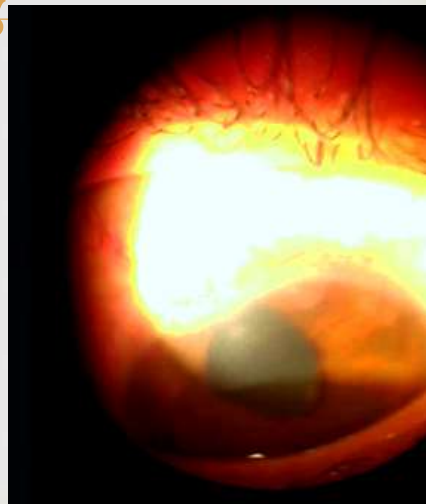


- ⌘ Sympathetic ophthalmitis secondary to R trab?
- ⌘ Harada presenting with chronic ACG due to CB swelling ?

*VKH presenting as acute angle closure glaucoma at onset.
Yang P, et al. Clin Exp Ophthalmol, 2011 Sep-Oct.*



- ❧ April 2018: IV methyl pred X3 then oral pred 40mg and AZA 100mg
- ❧ June 2018: improved to CF 2m, AC deepened for the first time, IOP 16 bil.
- ❧ Shifted to Humira with excellent control.
- ❧ Stopped Humira due to unavailability → immediate severe relapse to only HM & CF.
- ❧ Started CSA 200 after IV methyl pred -> controlled with 5/60 vision in one eye.



case # 3



Presented: in 2003

Age: 36 male military engineer

PC: Blurred vision waxing and waning since 2 months associated with tinnitus and hearing loss

POH: Attack of pan-uveitis 2 months ago improved on systemic steroids.

PMH: Sensory auditory loss

DH: was on systemic steroids tapered quickly

SH: Nil



RVA: 6/12
cells +
Flare+/-

A C

LVA: 6/9 hazy BE
cells +
Flare+/-

Few ant vit cells
BIO +

fundus

Few ant vit cells
BIO +

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IOP

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Systemic enquiry:

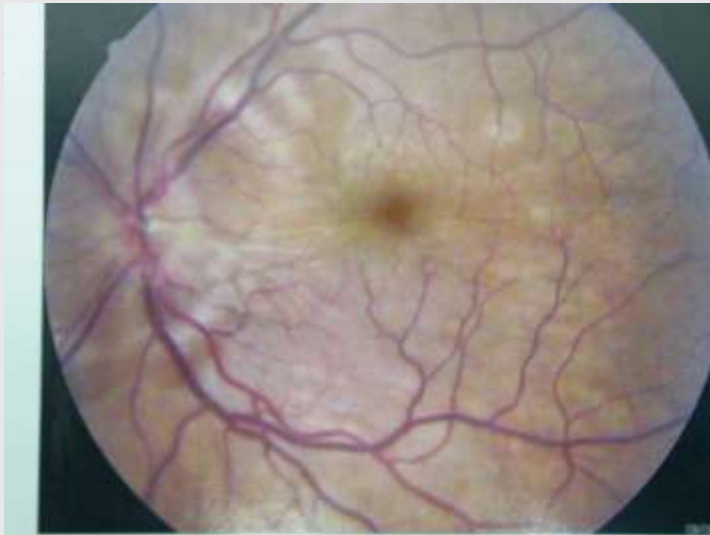
--Genito-urinary: rash on scrotum (nature?)

-Skin: recurrent abscesses

→ -CNS: headache, lack of concentration, tinnitus, some deafness

Systemic examination:

-folliculitis in the axilla







- ❧ **Audiometry:** Sensory auditory loss
- ❧ **Head CT scan :** NAD
- ❧ **Blood chemistry:** Na, K, HCO₃, urea, creatinine, liver function
- ❧ **CBC ----** normal
- ❧ **Auto-antibodies ----** normal
- ❧ **HLA B5 -----** negative
- ❧ **Radioactive GFR assessment----** normal
- ❧ **Chest X-ray----** normal
- ❧ **Behcetin test-----** positive

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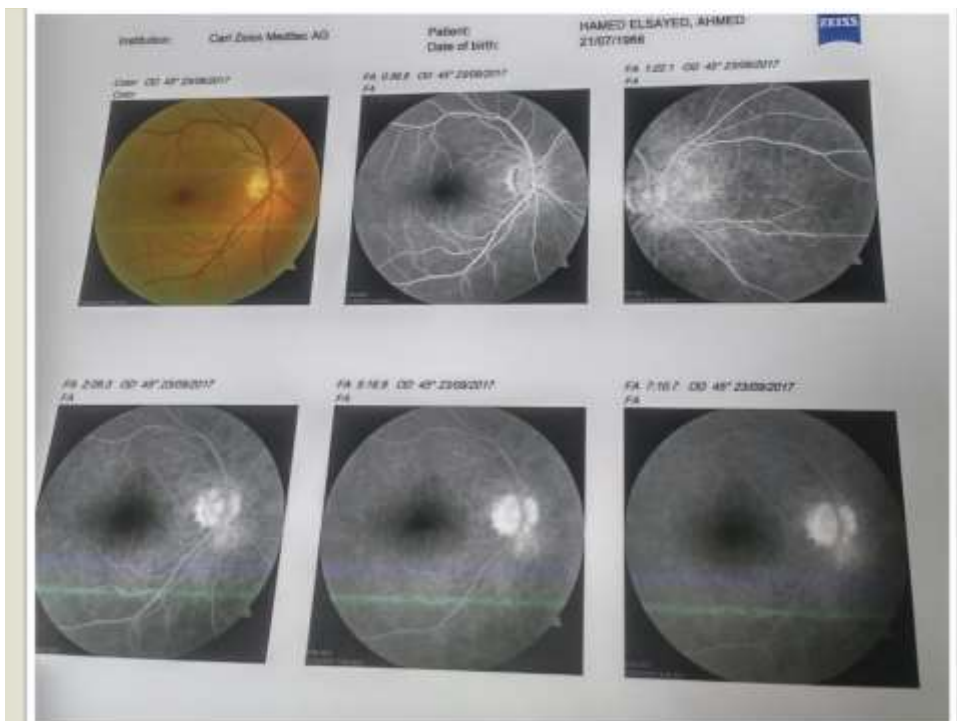
DD: -AMPPE (hearing loss, bilateral, male, AC reaction and vitritis)

-MEWDS (Peripapillary serous detachment, small hyperflorescent spots)

-VKH syndrome (hearing loss, bilateral, male, AC reaction, headache, serous detachment, multifocal choroiditis).

Finding the diagnosis is often important but not crucial to the management.

	AMPPE	MEWDS	VKH
unilaterality	Bi /unilateral	unilateral	Bilateral
Gender	M=F	Mainly F	M< F
Serous detachment	Rare reports	few reports	Main feature
lesions	placoid	10-100um	larger
inflammation	common	uncommon	Main feature
Vision loss	Mild-moderate	mild	Moderate-severe
neurological (including auditory)	reported	Not reported?	common
extent	Post pole	Post pole	diffuse
FA	Early hypo	Early hyper	Hyper&hypo
course	Short (self- Relentless APMPPE)	Short (self- limiting)	long



In conclusion



- ⌘ Harada's disease is probably the second most common uveitis in Egypt.
- ⌘ Most of the time the diagnostic criteria is fulfilled and the diagnosis is straight forward.
- ⌘ However; sometimes the lack of accompanying inflammation or atypical presentations can pose a challenge.

Thank you

