

Clinical case

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- *Woman 57 years old came to CHU St Pierre in Brussels*
- *Complained of blurred vision*
- *Medical history : unremarkable*
- *Best corrected visual acuity: 20/20 both eyes*
- *Intraocular pressure : normal*

Slit lamp exam

- *Anterior chamber and vitreous:*

 - *2 + cells in both eyes*

- *No retrokeratic precipitates*

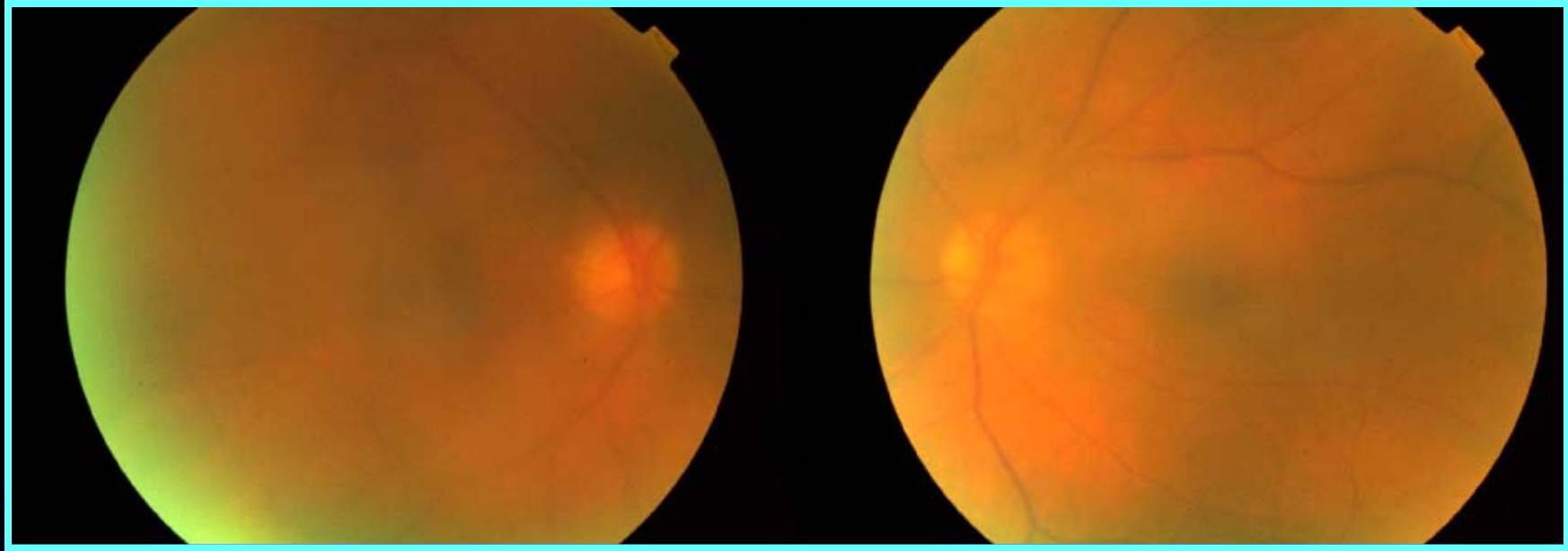
- *No iridocorneal synechies*

- *No iris atrophy*



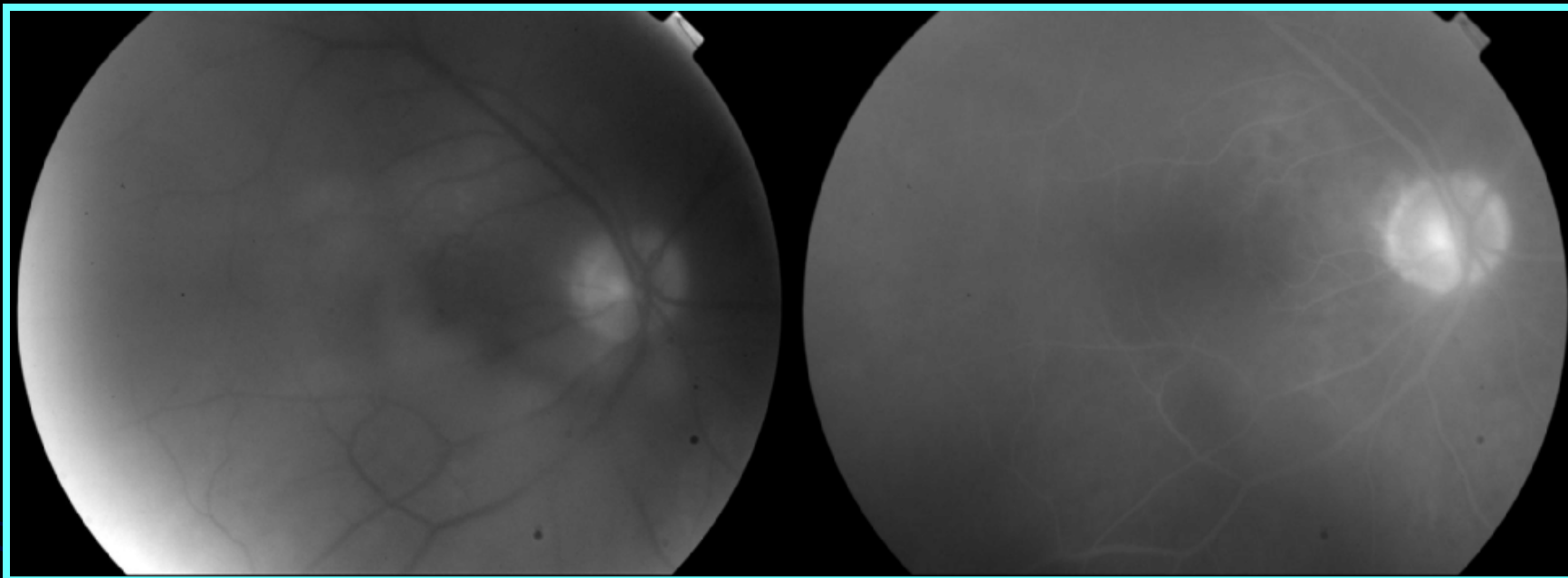
Intermediate Uveitis

Eye fundus



- *Vitritis more important on the right eye*
- *No lesions on the retina*
- *No vasculitis*
- *No hemorrhage*

FA Right eye



- *Vitritis 3+*
- *No vasculitis*
- *No subretinal infiltrates ...*

● *Diagnosis of Intermediate uveitis :*

work up :

- *Complete blod cells count : Normal*
- *Antinuclear antibodies : Normal*
- *Rhumatoid factor : Normal*
- *Normal chest X ray*
- *ACE: Normal*
- *PPD: Negatif*
- *Serological tests*
 - Syphillis (VDRL) negatif*
 - HIV: negatif*
 - Toxoplasmosis; negatif*

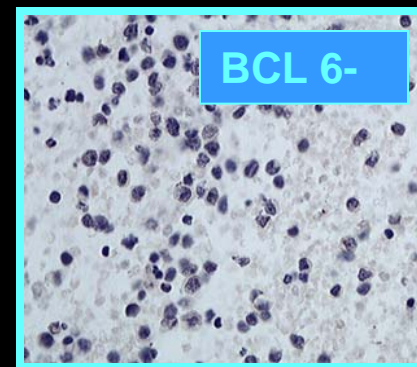
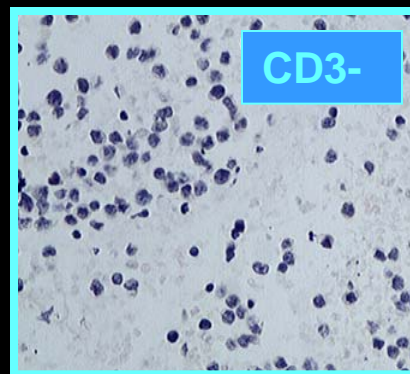
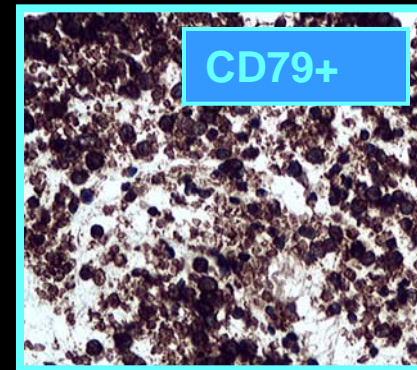
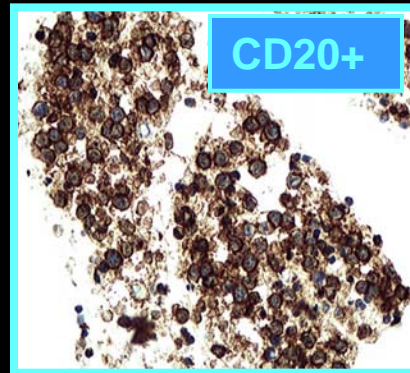
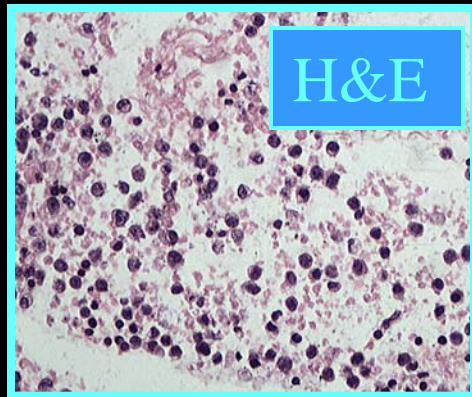


- *The patient underwent local and systemic steroids : PredForte one drop/hour*

Solumedrol 1mg /kg/j

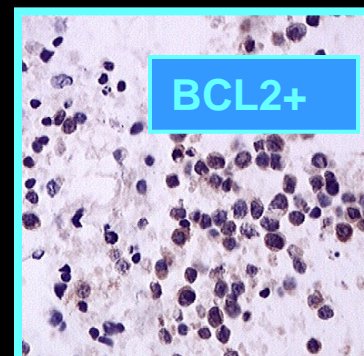
- *The VA worsened*
- *The reaction in AC and Vitreous subsided*
- *Diagnostic vitrectomy was performed*

Cytological + Immunohistochemical staining of the vitreous



- Large B cell Lymphoma of the vitreous

- CD20+, CD79a+, BCL2+, CD3-, CD10-, BCL6-



Primary Intraocular lymphoma

PIOL

- *Subset of a primary central nervous system lymphoma (PCNSL)*
- *Non-Hodgkin's, large B-cell lymphoma*
- *1% of all the Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma*
- *Ocular involvement occurs in 25% in PCNSL*
- *Initially affected by PIOL: 56%to 85% PCNSL*
- *The past two decades: Incidence PIOL tripled in the USA*



Clinical suspicion of PIOL

- *The knowledge > women after the age of 60*
- *Chronic posterioir bilatteral uveitis is unresponsive to corticosteroides*
- *The association that exist between PIOL and cellular vitritis, subretinal and retinal infiltrates and RPE*
- *Typical angiographic findings*

Work-up : Complementary exams

Eye Fundus

- *Large yellow retinal and subretinal infiltrates*



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- *Necrotizing granulomatous retinal vasculitis*
- *Retinal pigmentary degeneration*
- *Haemorrhagic retinal necrosis*
- *Retinal periphlebitis*
- *Perivascular exudates*



Primary intraocular lymphoma mimicking multifocal choroiditis and panuveitis
D J Browning and C M Fraser



Typical angiographic findings

➤ *Granularity on FA*

Most common and characteristic finding in IOL

Indicated diffuse sub RPE infiltration of lymphoma cells.

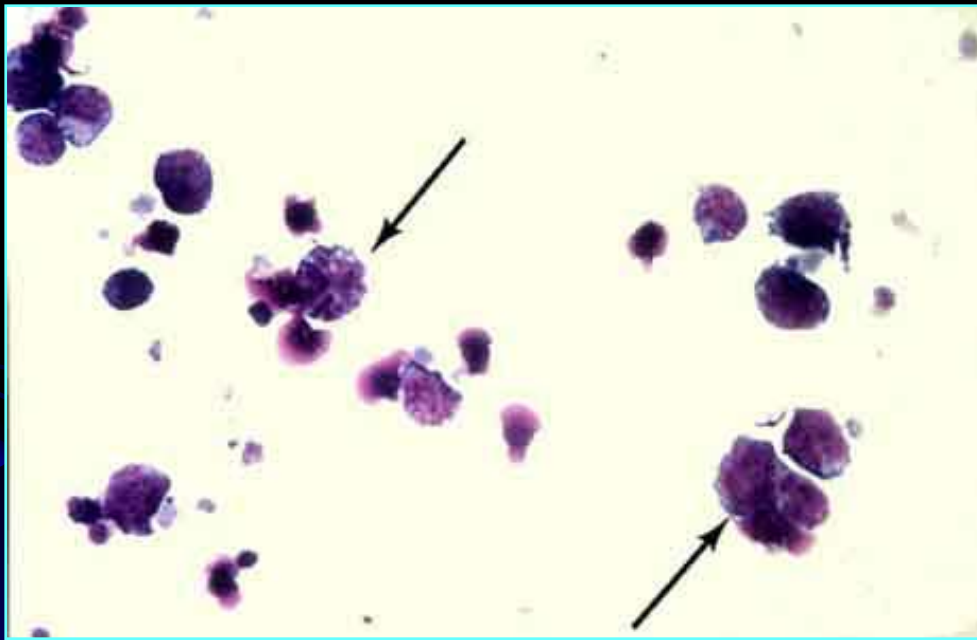
presenting as punctate hypofluorescence and hyperfluorescence lesions in the early phase of fluorescein angiography (FA)



- *Focal retinal vasculitis and necrosis are less common finding and indicate the secondary involvement of the retina and which are correlated with angiographic perivascular leakage.*

Diagnostic vitrectomy : Vitreous biopsy

- Undiluted vitreous for *cytological* staining



Typical lymphoma cells

- Large pleomorphic cells with scanty basophilic cytoplasm
- Hypersegmented nuclei with finger like projections
- Prominent nucleoli
- Multiple mitoses

*Molecular Analysis of Primary Central Nervous System and
Primary Intraocular Lymphomas
N. Tuailon* and C.C. Chan*



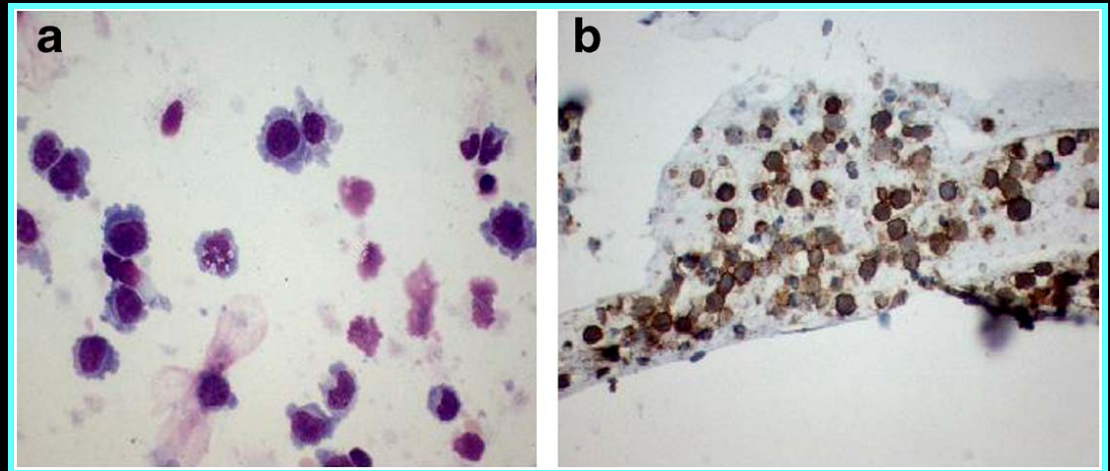
● Immunohistochemical staining

Malignant B cells are usually monoclonal :

Demonstration of monoclonality is important in distinguishing low grade lymphoma from reactive lymphoid lesions.

Standard range of immunostains;

CD3, CD20, CD19, CD79a, CD68...



(a) Numerous large atypical lymphoid cells. Giemsa stain 400. (b) Predominance of large CD20-positive B cells. CD20 immunostaining 400.

Eye. 2008 Feb;22(2):289-93. Epub 2007 Aug 31

Cytopathological analysis of vitreous in intraocular lymphoma.



- Cytokine measurements in the vitreous

- *B cells malignancies can secrete high levels of IL-10 (immunosuppressive cytokine)*
- *While inflammatory conditions are associated with high levels of IL-6 (pro-inflammatory cytokine)*
- *High of IL-10 levels > 400 pg/ml with IL-10:IL-6 ratios > 1.0*

Suggestive of PIOL



- **IL-10 measurement in aqueous humor for screening patients with suspicion of primary intraocular lymphoma.**

Cassoux N, Giron A, Bodaghi B, Tran TH, Baudet S, Davy F, Chan CC, Lehoang P, Merle-Béral H.

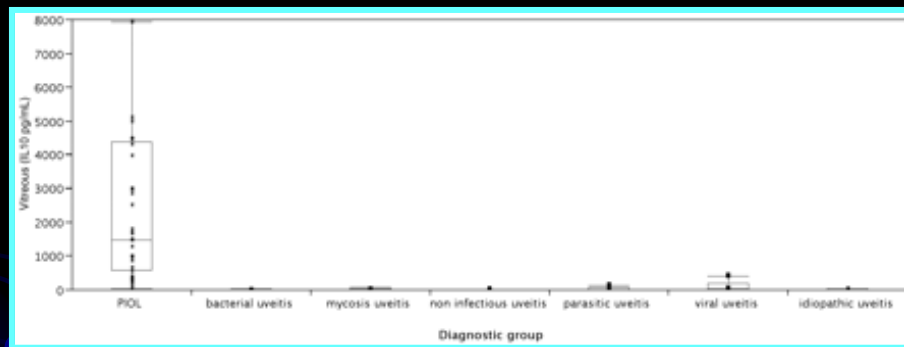


Figure 1: IL-10 level in the vitreous by diagnostic group

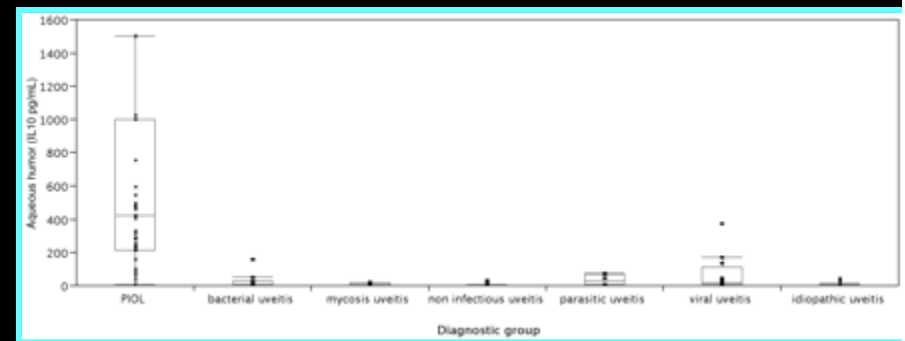


Figure 2 :IL-10 level in the AH by diagnostic group.

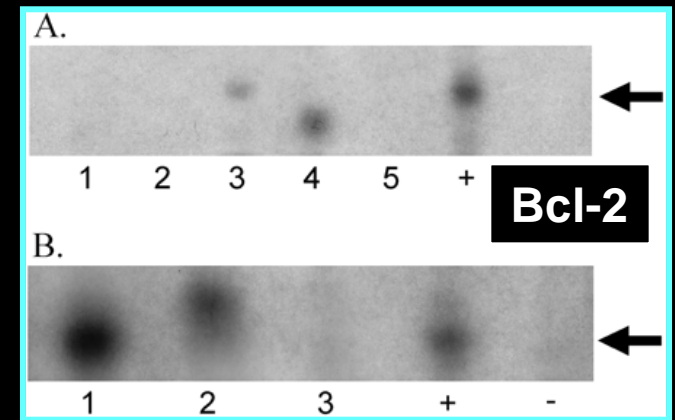
IL-10 > 50 pg/ml : Sensitivity 89 %, Specificity 93 %

Undiluted ocular fluids



o Molecular Analysis

- PCR used to detect **monoclonality** of Immunoglobine heavy chain gene (IgH)
- **Sensitivity >> Cytology**
- Maintaining the **same specificity (99 %)**



- The polyclonal inflammatory cells **overshadowing** the monoclonality of the PIOL cells.
- PIOL has unique molecular patterns of **bcl-2, bcl-6, and bcl-10**



Detection of the *bcl-2* t(14;18) Translocation and Proto-Oncogene Expression in PIOL
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H. Nida Sen,¹ Samuel S. Dahr,¹ Ronald R. Buggage,¹ Robert B. Nussenblatt,¹

Treatment

- Local Radiotherapy : ORT >50 Gy

- In the literature: Bilateral ORT controled PIOL in most patients (Margolis et al, 1980), but CSN relapse occurred in 100 % of the patients within 11-84 months(Pterson and al,1993)

- Side effects : Optic neuropathy

Retinopathy > 35 Gy

Cataract

Glaucoma

Permanent visual loss



Graefes Arch Clin Exp Ophthalmol. 2006 Jun;244(6):663-9. Epub 2005 Oct 16.
Intraocular lymphoma 2000-2005: results of a retrospective multicentre trial.

● Systemic Chemotherapy

- *The efficacy depend on IO penetration through the blood retinal barrier*
- Recent American study :
 - **Blood brain barrier** crossing medication chemotherapy =
MTX (methotrexate)
Ara C (Cytosine arabinoside)
 - Micromolar concentration of MTX present in OU(vitreous and HA) 4h
> IV high dose (*Smet and al, 1996; Henson and al, 1999; Bachelor and al,2003*)
- *Intravenous MTX - first line agent : 8 mg/m*
HD-MTX prolongs median survival fron 18 to 30-60 months over WBRT alone (Deangelis et al, 1992; Batchelor and al, 2000)
- *Intravenous Ara C - alone or in combination*

Ocular presentation of primary central nervous system lymphoma: diagnosis and treatment Adi 'Iia Hormigo, 1 Lauren Abrey, 1Murk-Hein I and Lisa M. DeAngelis



- *Local Chemotherapy*

Intravitreal MTX

- *Directly elevates the [] to effective level avoiding systemic complications*
- *Well tolerated by IO tissue : No retinal toxicity*
- *Adverse reactions* : - *corneal epitheliopathy*
 - *Cataract*
 - *Sterile endophthalmitis*
 - *Intravitreal HH ...*

Role of IV MTX in the Management of PCNSL with Ocular Involvement

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- *Largest scale study*

- 16 IC patients IOL+PCSNL treated IVI MTX +Systemic therapy +/- WBRT

- Dose of 400 micrograms in 0.1 ml

- *Induction phase*: twice weekly - one month

- *Consolidation phase*: Once weekly - one month

- *Maintenance*: Monthly - one year

- Cleared clinically of malignant cells after 8.5 injections

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- *Other treatment*

- *Intravitreal Rituximab*
- *Ct+ Rt with combined PCNSL+ PIOL*
- *Alkylant agent as Trofosamide*

Possible adjuvant to high dose of MTX.....



What about our patient??!

- *She disappeared for two months after the diagnosis*

IRM : Normal

LP : No malignant cells

No visual complaints



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