Multimodal imaging of an Archer 3 retinal racemose hemangioma

Estudio multimodal de hemangioma racemoso retiniano Archer 3

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Figure 1. A: Multicolored fundus image. Dilated and tortuous retinal vessels are observed derived from the optic disc and extending to the retinal periphery as a result of an arteriovenous communication. B: Short-wave autofluorescence. A hypo-autofluorescent vascular tree preserving the foveolar area is identified with greater definition; C, D and E: OCT. A conserved foveolar profile (C) is observed, with irregularities in the internal and external retina, coinciding with the vascular malformation, that causes a posterior shadow (D); also, the vascular lumen (E, arrow) and choroidal thinning can be observed.

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We present the case of an asymptomatic 18-year-old female with a visual acuity of 1 in both eyes, with a casual finding in the right eye of a racemose hemangioma. This is a retinal arteriovenous malformation of congenital, non-inherited origin, classified as a sporadic phakomatosis (Fig. 1).

Racemose hemangioma of the retina is associated in 30% of cases with cerebral arteriovenous malformations, constituting Wyburn-Mason syndrome. In our case, the patient had no systemic vascular abnormalities or ocular complications.

Conflicts of interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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