

A Tick Attack! : An Infestation of a Tick at the Conjunctiva

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Objective: To describe the clinical manifestations and treatment of a patient with tick infestation of the conjunctiva.

Design: Observational descriptive case report

Methods: A report of the clinical features, slit-lamp biomicroscopic findings and treatment of tick infestation of the conjunctiva of one patient. The tick was identified by microscope.

Results: A 56-year-old man presented with pain of the left eye. On eye examination, an insect-like foreign body was found at the inferotemporal palpebral conjunctiva. It was removed gently by using non-toothed forceps and a cotton tip applicator. Combination of topical steroid and antibiotic was prescribed. The foreign body was identified as the larval form of a tick (*Amblyomma americanum*). Systemic disease work-up was negative.

Conclusions: A tick attachment to the conjunctiva is rare. Treatment with mechanical removal was favorable. There was no associated systemic illness. This is the first case reported in Thailand.