Sebaceous Filaments

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Case Presentation

A 16-year-old boy with a known case of autism spectrum disorder presented with complaints of multiple yellowish white deposits over hair-bearing areas of his face for the previous 3 years. On examination, there were multiple filamentous, off-white to yellowish, follicular growths in his perioral region, eyelashes, eyebrows, nose, and cheeks (Figure 1A). Dermoscopy revealed uniform cylindrical, solid, off-white colored deposits encircling normal hair follicles (Figure 1B). The gram stain and potassium hydroxide preparations were negative. The growths were clinically diagnosed to be sebaceous filaments.

Figure 1. (A) Filamentous, off-white to yellowish follicular growths in the perioral region, eyelashes, eyebrows, nose, and cheeks. (B) Uniform, cylindrical, solid, off-white colored deposits encircling normal hair follicles seen on non-polarized dermoscopy.