

VOGT KOYANAGI HARADA DISEASE

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TOPICS

1. background
2. clinical
3. diagnosis
4. treatment

BACKGROUND

HISTORY

- earlier description by Arabic doctor in 12th century
- 1906 Alfred Vogt - anterior uveitis, poliosis, and vitiligo
- 1911 Jujiro Komoto reported in German.

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1906

Prof. Alfred Vogt



XIX.

Aus der Universitäts-Augenklinik Basel.
(Prof. Dr. C. Mollinger.)

Frühzeitiges Erkranken der Zilien und Bemerkungen über den sogenannten plötzlichen Eintritt dieser Veränderung.

Von Dr. Alfred Vogt, I. Assistenzarzt.
Mit 1 Abbildung.

Am 1. April vorigen Jahres wurde ein 18jähriger Bauernbursche wegen schwerer beiderseitiger Iridozyklitis, die angeblich seit 6 Wochen bestand, in unsere Behandlung aufgenommen. Die Anamnese zeigte nichts Besonderes. Patient war blass und von etwas gedunsenem skrofulösem Habitus. Die Augenlider waren ohne Besonderheiten. Die ziliär injizierten Bulbi zeigten das gewöhnliche Bild subakuter Iridozyklitis. Durch Exsudate und Hornhautpräzipitate war das früher angeblich gute Sehvermögen rechts auf $\frac{1}{1000}$, links auf $\frac{1}{100}$ herabgesetzt.

XII.

Aus der Privat-Augenklinik von Prof. Dr. J. Komoto, Tokio.

Ueber Vitiligo und Auge.

Von Prof. Dr. J. Komoto.

1911

Prof J Komoto

1914

Prof. Yoshizo Koyanagi
reported case in Japanese



1926

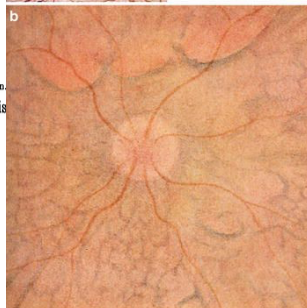
Harada's disease

uveitis with history of
headache CSF pleocytosis
and
skin involvement (vitiligo,
poliosis, alopecia)

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(急性滲透性脈絡膜炎ニ就テ)
原田永之助 助産婦
三友社
昭和十一年三月
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1929

Prof. Yoshizo Koyanagi



XXII.
Aus der Augenklinik der Tohoku-Universität in Sendai, Japan.
**Dysakusis, Alopecia und Poliosis bei schwerer Uveitis
nicht traumatischen Ursprungs.**
Von Prof. Dr. Y. Koyanagi.
Mit 6 Textabbildungen, darunter 2 farbige auf Tafel IV.

HISTORY

- Harada's disease (still use in Japan till today)
- 1939 Vogt- Koyanagi syndrome (less systemic than Harada's disease)
- 1955 Vogt- Koyanagi- Harada disease
- 2001 revise diagnostic criteria of VKH disease

Am J Ophthalmol. 2001 May;131(5):647-52

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EPIDEMIOLOGY

- VKH relatively rare in US (3-4%) (most non white)
- South America - 1.2-2.5%
- More common in Asia (6-20%)
- Middle East - Behcet > VKH

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EPIDEMIOLOGY

- India - VKH most common of panuveitis (21%)
- **Thailand - most common of non infectious panuveitis (16%)**
- Japan - VKH 6.7-11%
- Japan, Middle east - Behcet > VKH

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EPIDEMIOLOGY

- US Female > Male, onset 30+
- less common in children, elderly
- Elderly is higher in Japan > UK, US

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ETIOLOGY

1. autoimmune to melanocytes
2. genetics
3. virus

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ETIOLOGY

- pathology found:
- inflammation
- loss of choroid melanocytes
- target **tyrosinase peptide** by T cells

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AUTOIMMUNITY

- CD4 T cells
- inflammation targets melanocytes
- target tyrosinase peptide in melanocytes
- cytokines IL 17, IL 23

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GENETIC FACTORS

- HLA DRB1*0405 increase risk 45X in Korean
- susceptibility genes
- protective genes
- protective haplotypes

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VIRAL HYPOTHESIS

- evidence of simultaneous onset VKH in coworkers
- evidence of viral genome in CSF
- molecular mimicry of CMV and tyrosinase peptide
- viral RNA stimulates Toll-like receptor3 in human melanocytes leads to cell death

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CLINICAL

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

1. prodromal
2. acute uveitis
3. chronic
4. recurrent

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prodrome

PRODROMAL PHASE

- a viral like
- last a few days to weeks
- extra-ocular symptoms

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prodrome

PRODROMAL PHASE

- fever
- headache, meningismus, nausea, vomit
- orbital pain
- auditory symptoms

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acute

ACUTE UVEITIS PHASE

- 70% sudden bilateral granulomatous uveitis
- blurring of vision
- conjunctival injection
- visual field loss
- increase intraocular pressure

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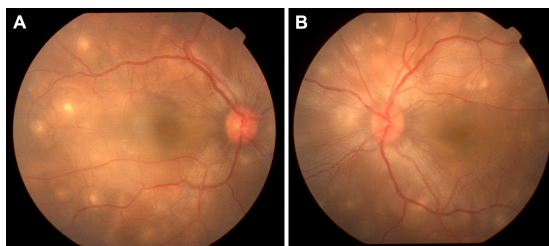
acute

ACUTE UVEITIS PHASE

- sub-retinal fluid
- choroidal thickening
- retinal edema
- optic nerve head swelling & hyperemia

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acute



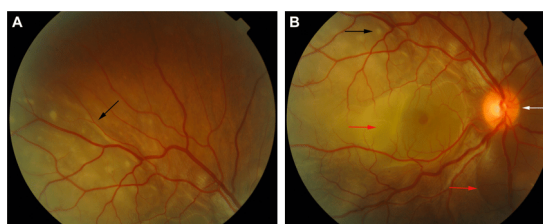
ACUTE VKH

Color fundus photos (A and B) of acute VKH

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acute

subserous retinal detachment



multifocal choroiditis

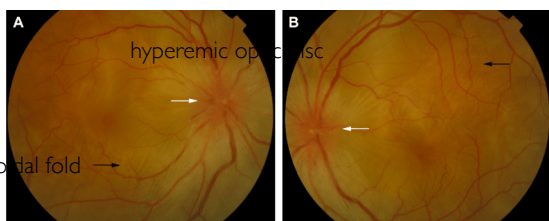
hyperemic optic disc

Color retinal photographs of a patient during the acute phase of vKHD.

Notes: (A) Multifocal choroiditis lesions of variable size representing along the superior arcade (black arrow). (B) The posterior pole depicting a hyperemic optic disc (white arrow), multifocal choroiditis (black arrow), and multiple areas of SRDs (red arrows).

Baltin, Abeir & Lightman, Sue & Tomkins-Netzer, Oren, (2016) Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome – current perspectives, Clinical Ophthalmology Volume 10, 2345-2361.

acute



Color retinal photographs of right (A) and left eye (B) showing **swollen and hyperemic optic discs (white arrows)**, with choroidal folds disc (black arrows), in the acute phase of vKHD.

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acute



FFA photograph of a patient in the acute phase of vKHD showing optic disc leakage and numerous hyperfluorescent pinpoint foci of leakage at the level of RPE leading to the classic "starry sky" appearance.

FFA, fundus fluorescein angiography; RPE, retinal pigment epithelium.

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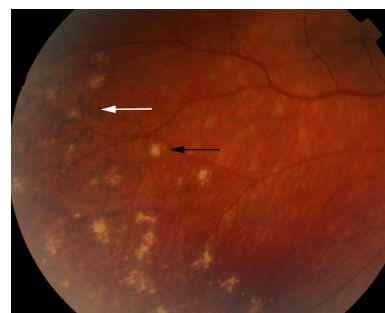
chronic

CHRONIC PHASE

- weeks to months later
- depigmentation of **choroid, skin, eyelash**
- start at limbal area (Sugiura sign)
- sunset glow fundi

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chronic



SUNSET GLOW FUNDI

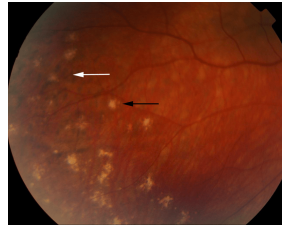
Color retinal photograph displaying sunset glow fundus with a numerous small choroidal depigmented atrophic lesions (black arrow) and hyperpigmented lesions (white arrow) in the retinal periphery during the convalescent phase of vKHD.

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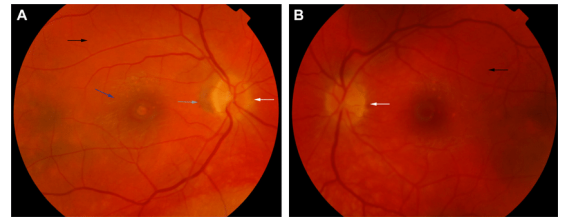
SUNSET GLOW FUNDI

- bright orange red of fungus
- uveitis + sunset glow fundus
 - positive predictive 94.5
 - negative predictive value 89.2



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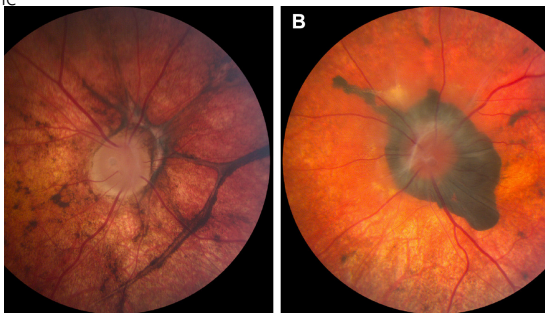
pale disc

CONVALESCENT PHASE

Color retinal photographs of right (A) and left eye (B) during the convalescent phase of VKHD, showing sunset glow fundus with pale optic discs (white arrows) and bright-orange choroids (black arrows). Note the peripapillary atrophy (gray arrow) and macular scarring (blue arrow) in (A).

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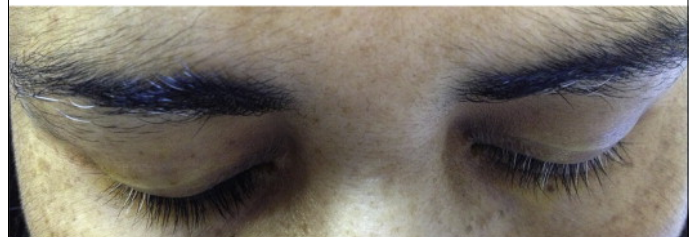


CHRONIC VKH

Color fundus photos (A and B) demonstrating fibrotic pigmentary changes in long-standing VKH.

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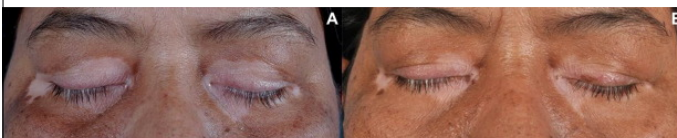


POLIOSIS

patch of white hair

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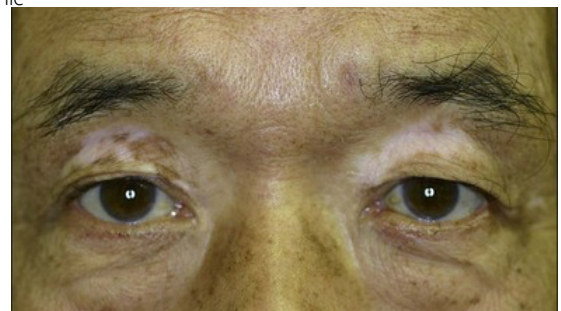


POLIOSIS

and vitiligo

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VITILIGO

eyelid

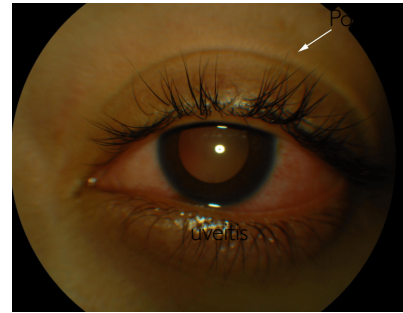
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recurrent

RECURRENT

- exacerbation of granulomatous uveitis
- 6-9 months after acute
- sequele : cataract, glaucoma, retinal pigmentary change, sub retinal fibrosis, neovascularization, retinal detachment

recurrent



CHRONIC RECURRENT

Color photograph of a patient in the chronic recurrent phase of the vKHD showing acute anterior uveitis and mild poliosis (white arrow).

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recurrent



SIGUIRA'S SIGN

posterior synechiae and depigmentation at limbus

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EXTRA-OCULAR MANIFESTATIONS

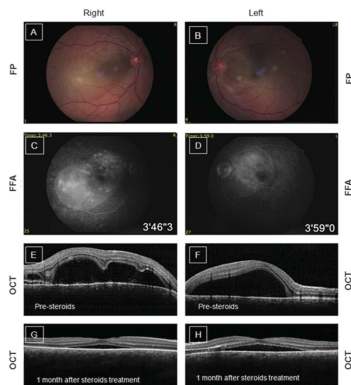
NERVOUS SYSTEM

1. nervous system
2. auditory system
3. dermatological

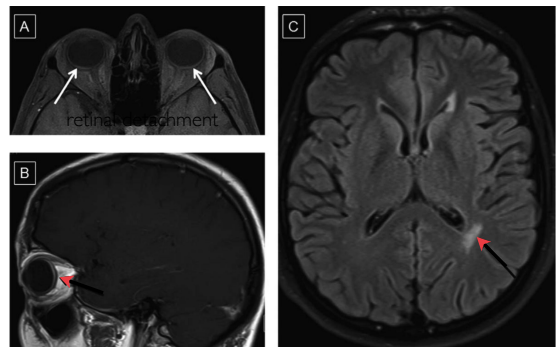
NERVOUS SYSTEM

- common during **prodromal phase**
- scalp sensitivity
- meningismus, cranial nerves, myelitis, focal signs
- CSF pleocytosis

- › (A,B) Fundus photography reveals exudative retinal detachment of the macula in both eyes on presentation.
- › (C,D) Fundus fluorescein angiography shows subretinal fluorescein pooling.
- › (E,F) Optical coherence tomography displays exudative macular detachment in both eyes.
- › (G, H) It also shows reduction of subretinal fluid after corticosteroid therapy in both eyes.



Cerebral white matter involvement in a patient with Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome.
Sadullah Keles, Hayri Ogul, Lokman Can Finar, Mecit Kantarci. Neurology Sep 2013, 81 (11) e85-e86

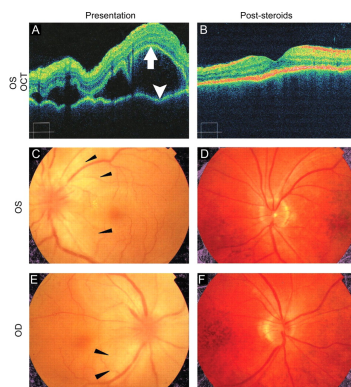


Axial T1-weighted MRI (A, B) demonstrates symmetric choroidal thickening with retinal detachment (arrows).
(C) Axial fluid-attenuated inversion recovery MRI shows hyperintense lesion in the periventricular left parietal deep white matter.

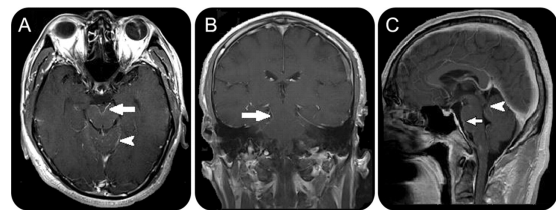
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35M FILIPINO

- › acute visual loss,
- › panuveitis
- › retinal detachment
- › tinnitus, dysacusis, vertigo
- › gaze-evoked nystagmus



Basilar leptomeningitis in Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada disease. Yince Loh. Neurology Feb 2012, 78 (6) 438-439



Gadolinium-enhanced MRI of the brain (A) Axial, (B) coronal, and (C) sagittal gadolinium-enhanced magnetic resonance brain images demonstrate leptomeningeal enhancement of the midbrain (arrow), ventral pons (outline arrow), and cerebellum (arrowheads).

melanin-containing cell: locate predominantly at ventral medulla

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BILATERAL BELL'S PALSY

- male 54 with bilateral Bell's palsy
- history of uveitis, cataract, vitiligo and aseptic meningitis
- CSF: high protein 256 mg/dl. , others -normal

Bilateral Bell's Palsy Associated with Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada Disease : A Case Report (P4.053) George Lai, DeWitt Pyburn. Neurology Apr 2017, 88 (16 Supplement) P4.053.

AUDITORY

- 18-50% has hearing loss esp. high frequency
- 42% tinnitus
- dysacusis

DERMATOLOGICAL

- 30% of VKH
- depigmentation of eyebrow, eye lashes (Poliosis)
- Vitiligo - after >> before uveitis
- alopecia

DIAGNOSIS

Table 2 – Revised diagnostic criteria for Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome

<u>Complete Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome</u>	
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 [(a) or (b) must be met, depending on stage of disease]	
a. Early manifestations	
1. Diffuse choroiditis, focal areas of subretinal fluid, bullous serous retinal detachments	
2. If equivocal 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	
b. Late manifestations	
1. History suggestive of prior disease based on findings in the following	
2. Ocular depigmentation: sunset glow fundus or Sigur'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. Integumentary findings (not preceding the onset of uveitis): alopecia, poliosis, or vitiligo	
<u>Incomplete Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome</u>	
Criteria 1–3 and either 4 or 5 must be present	
<u>Probable Vogt-Koyanagi-Harada syndrome</u>	
Criteria 1–3 must be present	probable = eye only

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DIAGNOSIS

- fluorescein angiography of retina
- Optical coherence tomography (OCT)
- B scan ultrasonography

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COMPLICATION

- sunset glow fundi***
- cataract
- glaucoma
- subretinal fibrosis
- choroidal neovascularization

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TREATMENT

TREATMENT

- steroid
- immunosuppressive

VOGT-KOYANAGI-HARADA

- VKH - autoimmune disease
- involves 4 systems (Eye, Nervous, Ear, Skin)
- Nervous system มักช่วง prodromal phase
- meningism, CSF pleocytosis,
- myelitis, focal neuro deficit