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INFLIXIMAB TREATMENT FOR CROHN'S DISEASE CAUSING DEMODICOSIS OPPORTUNISTIC INFECTION: A CASE REPORT

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A case report describes demodicosis, a Demodex mite-induced skin condition, occurring in a 26-year-old man with Crohn's disease treated with Infliximab for one year.

KEY POINTS

- The patient developed pruritus, redness and dryness of the cheeks one year after starting Infliximab treatment at 5mg/kg every 8 weeks for stricturing ileo-caecal Crohn's disease
- Polarized-light dermoscopy revealed Demodex tails, Demodex follicular openings and telangiectasias, confirming the diagnosis of demodicosis
- Treatment with oral doxycycline 100mg/day and topical sertaconazole cream resulted in noticeable improvement
- The authors suggest demodicosis should be considered in patients on biological medications presenting with atypical inflammatory skin lesions
- This case may be relevant for gastroenterologists and dermatologists managing patients on immunosuppressive therapy for inflammatory bowel disease

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