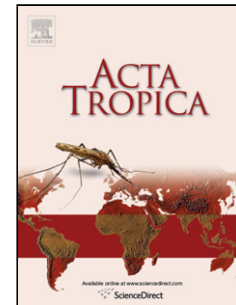


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### Highlights

- Onchocerciasis mainly affects poor, rural communities in western Yemeni governorates.
- The disease is of the localized, hyperreactive form, referred to as sowda.
- Diagnosis by skin snip examination is challenging due to the low microfilarial load.
- Vector situation needs evaluation because there is no vector control.
- Simulium species have not been investigated in Yemen since the 1980s.

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