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## Title page

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### Abstract

Primary infection with *Herpes simplex virus type 1* is silent in the majority of cases. In most patients, the initial eye disease appears to be involvement of a new anatomic site in a patient whose primary infection occurred sometime previously. Furthermore, primary ocular herpes is rare in infants. Primary ocular herpes is usually unilateral and presents as blepharitis, blepharoconjunctivitis or keratitis. The differential diagnosis includes herpes zoster blepharitis and Staphylococcal blepharitis. To avoid complications; an urgent treatment is necessary. This short report describes a rare observation of a primary ocular herpes in an infant.

Keywords: primary infection; herpes simplex virus; infant; blepharitis.

### 1. Introduction

Primary infection with *Herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1)* is silent in the majority of cases, with as few as 6% of cases being symptomatic [1]. Furthermore, primary ocular herpes is unusual in infants [2]. Prompt recognition and appropriate treatment is essential to reduce the chance of complications. We report here a rare case of herpetic blepharitis in an infant.

### 2. Case report

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