

# Dermoscopy of cutaneous melanoma metastasis

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## Background

CMM = cutaneous melanoma metastasis

Variety of clinical, histological and dermoscopic features

- Recognition is important for:
- Staging
  - Therapeutic management
  - Prognosis

### Epidermotropic

- Involving dermis and epidermis
- Can resemble in situ melanoma histologically
- Up until now, naevus-like or blue-naevus like dermoscopic patterns are reported <sup>1-3</sup>

### Dermotropic

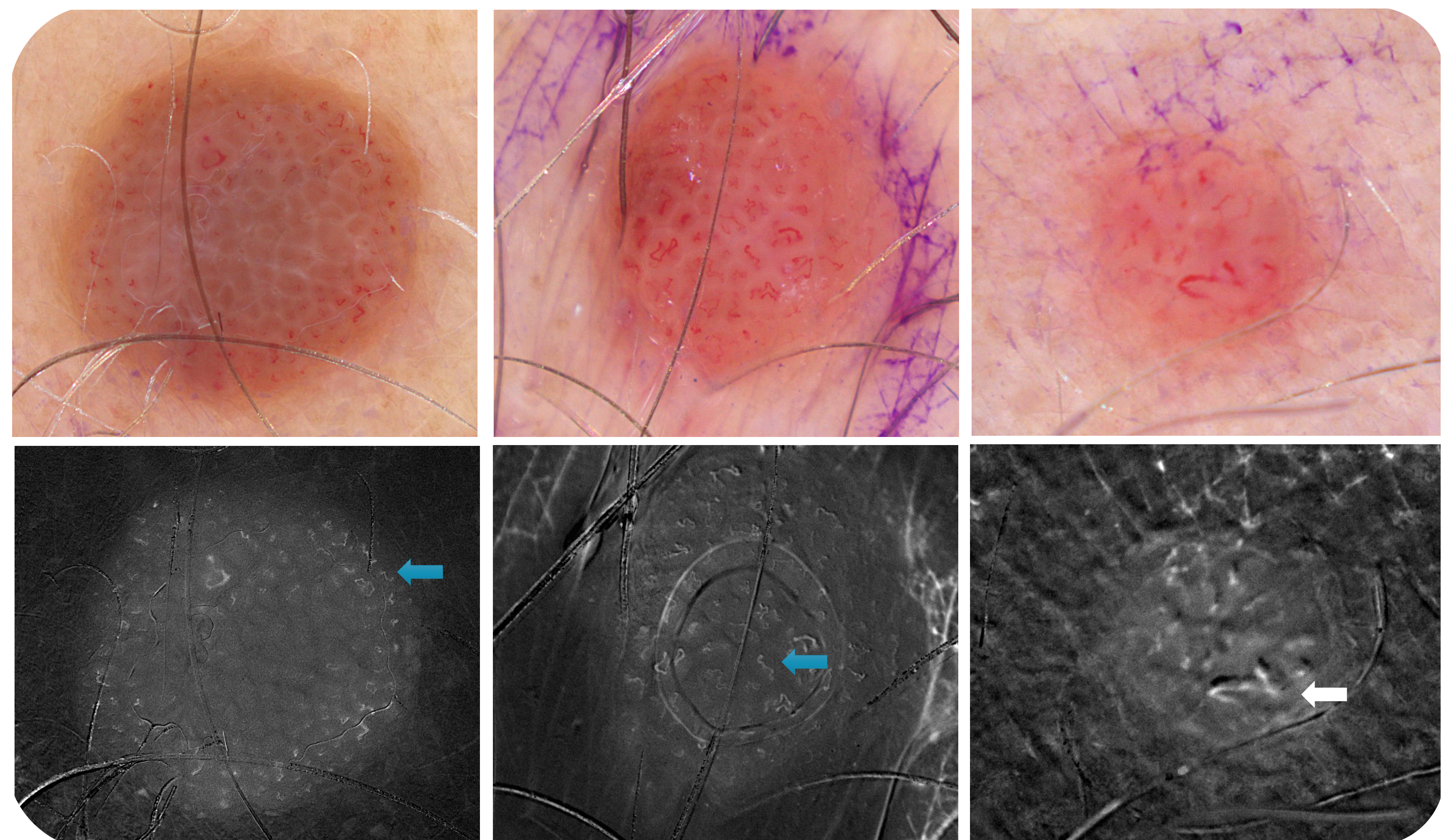
- Most frequent
- Involving dermis and subcutaneous tissue

## Aim

To report dermoscopic features, according to dermal, epidermal involvement and prognostic parameters.

## Methods

- Retrospective observational study of 24 CMM lesions in 8 patients (April 2019 - October 2021)
- White light and multispectral dermoscopic images, metadata (time between primary melanoma and metastasis, histology, BRAF mutation, Breslow and type of primary melanoma) were investigated with cluster analysis using SPSS v28.



Top row: White light images of 3 epidermotropic CMMs. Bottom row: multispectral images (blood maps) highlight vasculature of CMMs. Blue arrow: corkscrew vessels; white arrow: polymorphous vessels

## Results

	N = 3	N = 10	N = 7	N = 4
Relapse time	22 months	30 months	199 months	19 months
Primary melanoma Breslow	1.95 mm	1.76 mm	1.02 mm	5.5 mm
Primary melanoma type	SSMM	LMM (n=3) SSMM (n=7)	SSMM	NMM
BRAF	+	+ (n=8) - (n=2)	-	-
Histology CMM	Epidermotropic	Dermotropic	Dermotropic	Unknown
Dermoscopic type CMM	Vascular (linear irregular, corkscrew and/or irregular polymorphous vessels)	Naevus like (n=8) Blue naevus (n=2)	Naevus like	Blue naevus (n=3) Angioma like (n=1)

## Conclusion

- We assessed clinical, histological and dermoscopic findings in 4 groups using cluster analysis in 24 CMM lesions in 8 patients. To our knowledge, this is the first research reporting on epidermotropic melanoma metastasis with a vascular dermoscopic pattern.
- Further research on larger groups of CMM is warranted for correlation between histology, dermoscopic pattern and primary melanoma type.

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