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### Response to “Two Uveal Melanomas in One Eye: A Choroidal Nevus Giving Rise to a Melanoma in an Eye with a Separate Large Choroidal Melanoma”

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Dear Editor,

We read with interest the manuscript by Prager et al. [1], who reported a case of multifocal uveal melanoma in the same eye. These cases, as the authors indicate in their paper, are rare – only about 20 have been reported to date, especially in the absence of predisposing factors, such as ocular melanocytosis [2], familial atypical mole and melanoma syndrome [3], and *BRCA*-associated protein 1 mutations [4]. According to the authors, their report is exceptional, given that 1 of the 2 distinct melanomas discovered originated from a preexisting nevus. In their literature review, the authors seemed to have missed a report by Fabian et al. [5] titled “Malignant transformation of a choroidal nevus in an eye treated for a choroidal melanoma”, in which the very same clinical entity is described. Interestingly, in the report by Prager et al. [1], as the eye was primarily enucleated after the first presentation, there was no proof of malignant transformation of the clinically diagnosed nevus, but histopathology showed that the tumor had malignant

features. In the case presented by Fabian et al. [5], in contrast, the patient, originally diagnosed with a choroidal melanoma and a distinct choroidal nevus, was regularly monitored for 5 years, after which time the nevus showed clear clinical signs of malignant transformation. There was, however, no histopathological proof of such change. Both reports, despite the above-mentioned differences, highlight the need for a high level of suspicion, meticulous eye examination, and long-term ophthalmic follow-up in patients with a uveal melanoma and a discrete, presumed nevus in the same eye.

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