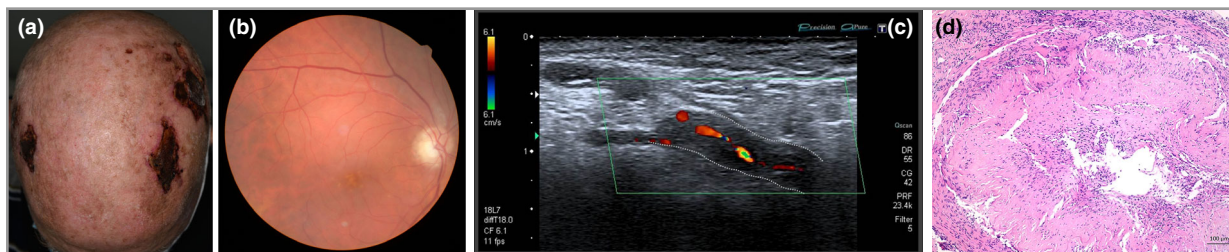



Bilateral giant cell arteritis with skin necrosis following SARS-CoV-2 vaccination

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DEAR EDITOR, An 82-year-old man presented with a 4-month history of headaches, jaw claudication, weight loss, bilateral temporoparietal skin necrosis and almost complete vision loss, which had developed about 10 days after his second SARS-CoV-2 vaccination (BTN162b2). Cutaneous findings (a), funduscopy (b), ultrasound (c), C-reactive protein of 63 mg L^{-1} (normal range < 5) and biopsy of temporal arteries (d) confirmed bilateral late-stage giant cell arteritis (GCA). Other vasculitides, as well as polymyalgia rheumatica, have been reported in association with SARS-CoV-2 vaccination. Just like influenza and herpes zoster vaccines, SARS-CoV-2 vaccines may also trigger GCA. Clinicians must be aware of this rare but severe complication.^{1,2}

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