

Tinea pseudoimbricata



Figure 1: Typical concentric circles of *Tinea pseudoimbricata* on the groin with “rings within the ring” and “double-edged tinea” appearance

Tinea pseudoimbricata refers to usually two or rarely, three concentric circles within a lesion of dermatophytosis and is a clue to the application of preparations containing potent topical corticosteroids [Figure 1]. “Rings within the ring” and “double-edged tinea” are apt descriptive terms to familiarize non-dermatologists with its morphology. It is essentially a form of tinea incognito that resembles tinea imbricata caused by *Trichophyton concentricum*, but the latter has many more concentric circles and is usually generalized. This lesion in our patient showed dermatophyte hyphae on a potassium hydroxide preparation and grew *Trichophyton rubrum* on culture. This appearance should alert the physician to the possible abuse of topical steroids. Other causes of immune suppression should also be ruled out.

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