

## Scalp Pink Tumors Showing Multiple Rosettes

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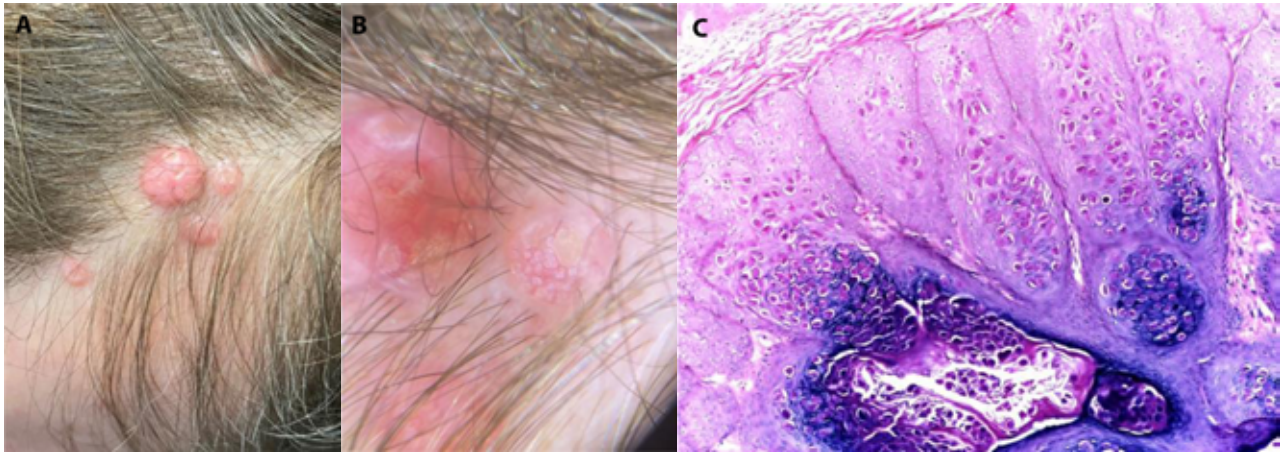
### Case Presentation

A 46-year-old male with history of complete surgical excision of a well-differentiated cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma in the right preauricular area in 2018 visited the dermatology unit complaining of 3 growing pink nodular lesions on the scalp (Figure 1A). Dermoscopy revealed multiple rosettes with homogeneous white-pink areas (Figure 1B). Two tumors were excised with a preliminary diagnosis of basal cell carcinoma, and histopathology reported molluscum contagiosum (MC) (Figure 1C). As the presence of giant MC on the face is a clue for HIV infection, laboratory tests were performed and confirmed the suspected cause of immunosuppression.

### Teaching Point

The diagnosis of MC is straightforward when typical findings are seen; however, some cases may be indistinguishable from other tumors, such as basal cell carcinoma [1]. Dermoscopy can improve the accuracy of pink tumor diagnosis, as rosettes can be observed in many tumoral skin lesions [2]. Multiple pink nodular lesions on the face or scalp with rosettes on dermoscopy should raise the suspicion for MC.

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**Figure 1.** (A) Pink tumor on the left fronto-parietal scalp. (B) Dermoscopy demonstrated multiple rosettes. (C) Histopathology revealed epidermal lobes in the dermis containing the molluscum bodies. (H&E, magnification  $\times 10$ ).

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