

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The Changing Clinical Picture of *Microsporum canis* Infections in Sweden

Sir,

The report by Emtestam & Kaaman—based on their experience in Stockholm—(1) of a changing clinical picture in *Microsporum canis* infections in Sweden, with virtual absence of tinea capitis, does not tally with our experience in the southernmost part of Sweden.

*Microsporum canis* was cultured in 22 cases of tinea seen at the Department of Dermatology, Lund, in 1982. The patients were aged 6–71 years (mean 25.7 years). Most presented during the period June–September, and most had a pet cat. Six, 5 of them children, had typical tinea capitis, and 1 had also tinea corporis. Tinea corporis alone was found in the remaining 15.

The discrepancy between the two series with regard to frequency of tinea capitis in confirmed cases of *Microsporum canis* infection may possibly be explained by the larger number of children in the Lund series. It could also be an expression of a true epidemiological difference between a metropolitan and a rural area.

#### REFERENCE

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