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Title:	Rare case of black fungus linked to post-dengue recovery reported at Delhi hospital			
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A rare case of black fungus or mucormycosis linked to post-dengue recovery has been reported at a hospital in Delhi.

Fifteen days after recovering from dengue, a 49-year-old man has been admitted to Indraprastha Apollo Hospital in New Delhi with the complaint of rare case of post-dengue mucormycosis, according to the doctors at the hospital.

Mohammad Talib, a resident of Greater Noida, was admitted to the hospital after he experienced a sudden loss of vision from one eye, 15 days after recovery from dengue.

Dr Suresh Singh Naruka, senior consultant ENT at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said, "A rare case of black fungus (mucormycosis) came into our view when Mr Talib Mohammad came to the hospital reporting sudden loss of vision from one eye post dengue fever."

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“It is rarest of the rare to see mucormycosis as a post recovery complication in a dengue patient, as this condition is generally seen in people who have a history of diabetes, compromised immunity and various other infections. A deadly infection caused by a group of fungus called Mucor. This fungus invades into the healthy tissues of the nose, sinuses, eye and brain so rapidly that any delay in diagnosis and management can lead to adverse long term complications,” said Dr Suresh Singh Naruka, who is leading the treatment of the patient.

Dr Atul Ahuja, senior consultant ENT and head and neck surgery at the Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, added, “Diagnosing and managing a case of rhino-orbital (involving nose and eye) mucormycosis in a patient who has just recovered from dengue fever is very important, as even after best treatment, patients of mucormycosis can lose their eyesight permanently and in a state of an aggressive infection, removal of eye becomes necessary for preventing any further spread of infection.”

Talking about this rare case in detail, Dr Nishant Rana, registrar at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, said, “Before coming to the hospital the patient had an episode of Nasal Bleeding as a complication owing to Dengue 15 days prior to his recovery, wherein he noted low count of platelets with no transfusion history. Mucormycosis in his case is a resultant factor of compromised immunity owing to Dengue.”

India witnessed a surge in the cases of black fungus during the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. A number of cases of mucormycosis were reported after coronavirus infection in patient suffering from chronic diabetes.

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