The 2016 International League of Dermatological Societies' revised glossary for the description of cutaneous lesions

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Summary

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Background In order to facilitate effective communication in dermatology, a clearly defined glossary with precise descriptions is essential. The International League of Dermatological Societies' (ILDS) 'Glossary of basic dermatology lesions' was first published in 1987. A quarter of a century later, the ILDS made the decision to revise and expand this nomenclature.

Objectives Revision and expansion of an international nomenclature for the description of cutaneous lesions.

Methods The ILDS nominated a committee on nomenclature. Based on a review of the literature and major textbooks, the committee assembled a list of terms and definitions. National member societies of the ILDS were then invited to participate in a Delphi voting exercise (two rounds for basic descriptive terms, one round for additional terms). The committee reviewed and consolidated comments and consented the final version.

Results The revised and expanded version of the ILDS nomenclature includes 13 basic terms and over 100 additional descriptive terms. Forty-six and then 34 national member societies participated in the first and second voting rounds, respectively.

Conclusions A unifying nomenclature is crucial for effective communication among dermatologists and those who care for skin diseases. The next step will be a roll-out programme to national member societies of the ILDS that will include translations into languages other than English and adaptations reflecting local circumstances.

What's already known about this topic?

- A unifying language and precise descriptions are key to the practice of dermatology.
- The International League of Dermatological Societies (ILDS) first published a 'Glossary of basic dermatology lesions' in 1987.

What does this study add?

- This is an entirely updated and revised version of the 1987 ILDS glossary.
- The revised nomenclature is written with both dermatologists and nondermatologists in mind.

The specialty of dermatology is based upon visual examination, followed by a precise description of lesional morphology. Therefore, a harmonized and clear nomenclature is crucial for both verbal and written communication among dermatologists

and those who care for people with skin diseases. For centuries, textbooks of dermatology have listed definitions of commonly employed dermatological terms. However, these definitions are often influenced by national and regional traditions, and

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therefore significant variation exists. In 1987 Winkelmann¹ published the first version of the International League of Dermatological Societies' (ILDS) 'Glossary of basic dermatology lesions'. As already foreseen in their introduction, 'Each generation will wish to expand and refine the work...'. Thus, 25 years later (the equivalent of a generation), the ILDS decided to revise and expand this original version of the glossary, and a committee on nomenclature was established. This revision of the glossary was accomplished as the result of active participation by the national member societies of the ILDS.

Materials and methods

A structured process was established to develop and to agree upon the new ILDS glossary (Fig. 1). In January 2012, a working group entitled the ILDS Committee on Nomenclature was formed, consisting of the authors of this publication. Initially, a review of the previous glossary by Winkelmann¹ and of multiple dermatology textbooks was performed to extract a draft list of basic descriptive terms and a second list of additional terms. Definitions and examples for the chosen terms were collected. The draft list of basic descriptive terms, along with their proposed definitions, comments by the working group and clinical examples, was circulated to all national member societies of the ILDS for comments and for online voting via a modified Delphi approach.² Participants were asked either to 'agree' or to 'disagree'. If there was disagreement, participants were then asked to provide reasons as well as alternative suggestions. The software Lime Survey (https:// www.limesurvey.org/en/), an online survey tool commonly used for Delphi method voting procedures, was utilized to collect feedback from the participants of the online voting.^{3,4}

At the ILDS summit held in Berlin in June 2012, a 'Glossary of Basic Dermatology Lesions' workshop was held, in which definitions were discussed and further refined. The revised definitions were then presented to all the attendees of the summit for further comments; delegates from at least 35 countries were

present at the summit. The revised glossary of basic terms with its summit-based changes, together with the draft list of additional descriptive terms, was circulated to all national member societies for voting via an online voting process. The voting was carried out as before, with participants being asked either to 'agree' or to 'disagree' with the individual terms, their definitions and clinical examples. If there was disagreement, participants were asked to provide reasons and alternative suggestions. For both rounds of voting, information was sent to each society's preferred e-mail address. Responsibility for assignment to the most appropriate officer or member rested with the society.

The committee on nomenclature examined the results of the voting, and every comment was reviewed and discussed. Necessary adjustments to the glossary were then made. The ILDS board of directors provided additional comments and then approved the final submitted consolidated version. Tables 1–4 include further modifications of either clinical examples or comments based upon the journal reviewers.

Results

Thirteen basic terms (Table 1) and over 100 additional descriptive terms (Tables 2–4) were finalized. Altogether, 46 national member societies participated in the initial voting regarding basic descriptive terms. Thirty-four national member societies participated in the second round of voting, which included both the revised version of the basic terms and the proposed list of additional descriptive terms. None of the proposed terms was rejected. Unanimous consensus and final approval on all suggested terms and definitions were achieved by the committee on nomenclature in July 2015.

Discussion

Precise description of the clinical morphology of cutaneous lesions is crucial to the practice of dermatology. Thus, a clearly defined nomenclature is the foundation for effective

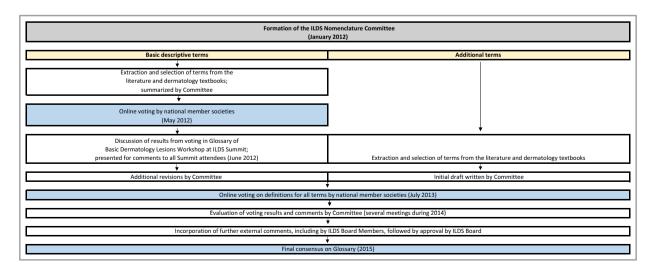


Fig 1. Process of revision of the International League of Dermatological Societies' (ILDS) glossary for the description of cutaneous lesions.

Table 1 Basic descriptive terms for cutaneous lesions. For the first four terms, secondary changes, if present, are included in the description

| Term | Definition | Comments |
|-------------|---|---|
| Macule | A flat, circumscribed, nonpalpable lesion that differs in colour from the surrounding skin. It can be any colour or shape | The average diameter, shape, colour and border should be described. In North America, a macule (≤ 1 cm) is distinguished from a patch (> 1 cm) |
| Papule | An elevated, solid, palpable lesion that is $\leq 1 \text{ cm}$ in diameter | The average diameter, shape, colour, topography (surface characteristics, e.g. flat topped) and border should be described; degree of elevation and consistency or feel can be included |
| Plaque | A circumscribed, palpable lesion > 1 cm in diameter; most plaques are elevated. Plaques may result from a coalescence of papules | The average diameter, shape, colour, topography and border (e.g. well demarcated vs. ill defined) should be described; degree of elevation and consistency or feel can be included |
| Nodule | An elevated, solid, palpable lesion > 1 cm usually located primarily in the dermis and/or subcutis. The greatest portion of the lesion may be exophytic or beneath the skin surface | The average diameter, shape, colour, topography and border should be described; degree of elevation and consistency of feel can be included |
| Weal | A transient elevation of the skin due to dermal oedema, often pale centrally with an erythematous rim | There are no surface changes |
| Vesicle | A circumscribed lesion ≤ 1 cm in diameter that contains liquid (clear, serous or haemorrhagic) | 'Small blister' |
| Bulla | A circumscribed lesion > 1 cm in diameter that contains liquid (clear, serous or haemorrhagic) | 'Large blister' |
| Pustule | A circumscribed lesion that contains pus | |
| Crust | Dried serum, blood or pus on the surface of the skin | |
| Scale | A visible accumulation of keratin, forming a flat plate or flake | Types of scale Silvery (micaceous), e.g. psoriasis Powdery (furfuraceous), e.g. pityriasis (tinea) versicolor Greasy, e.g. seborrhoeic dermatitis Gritty, e.g. actinic keratosis Polygonal, e.g. ichthyosis Collarette of scale: fine white scale at the edge of an inflammatory lesion or resolving infectious process, e.g. |
| Erosion | Loss of either a portion of or the entire epidermis | pityriasis rosea, resolving folliculitis, resolving furunculosis It may arise following detachment of the roof of a blister, e. bullous impetigo |
| Excoriation | A loss of the epidermis and a portion of the dermis due to scratching or an exogenous injury | It may be linear or punctate |
| Ulcer | Full-thickness loss of the epidermis plus at least a portion of the dermis; it may extend into the subcutaneous tissue | The size, shape and depth should be described as well as the characteristics of the border, base and surrounding tissue |

^aThere is ongoing discussion as to whether nonelevated, but palpable, lesions such as those of morphoea should be termed plaques; the authors included such lesions as plaques, hence the statement that most, but not all, plaques are elevated.

communication, from everyday conversations to scientific exchange on a global basis. Since 1987, dermatological nomenclature has continued to evolve. Furthermore, when reading various international textbooks, even the most common terms are defined differently. For example, there is significant variability in the definition for 'tumour', as well as in the defined size of papules or vesicles (0.5 cm vs. 1 cm), reflecting regional schools of thought.

There was therefore a recognized need for a standardized and simplified glossary for all practitioners who manage skin disease worldwide. The nomenclature committee made every effort to include all of the ILDS national member societies. They were invited to the online voting rounds, twice for the basic descriptive terms and once for the additional descriptive terms. In addition, the basic terms were discussed at the workshop during the ILDS summit in Berlin. Due to the length of the survey, repeated rounds of voting were not feasible.

The 2016 revision of the ILDS nomenclature provides its users with a wide range of terms that allow for harmonization of the dermatological language worldwide. Of note, a few national-society-based online glossaries do currently exist, such as the morphology module of the American Academy of Dermatology's Basic Dermatology Curriculum and the British Association of Dermatologists' Handbook for Medical Students and Junior Doctors. 5,6 However, a structured development process has not been described for any of these glossaries. The hope is that this revised ILDS glossary will serve as a basis for local translations and adaptations, including by national societies and scientific journals. Obviously, this will be an ongoing process once the final version of the glossary is made available to the ILDS member societies and the dermatology community.

It remains to be determined whether another 25 years will pass before further revisions are proposed, or whether additional revisions will come before the year 2041.

Table 2 Additional terms for cutaneous lesions: distribution, shape, topography and palpation.

| Distribution of cutaneous lesions | | |
|--|---|---|
| Term | Definition | Clinical example(s) |
| Acral | Lesions of distal extremities, ears, nose, penis, nipples | Acral type of vitiligo, acrocyanosis |
| Asymmetrical | Lesion or distribution pattern that lacks symmetry along an axis (e.g. the midline) | Acute allergic contact dermatitis, herpes zoster lichen striatus; in the case of a single lesion, melanoma |
| Dermatomal (zosteriform) ^a | Lesions confined to one or more segments of skin innervated by a single spinal nerve (dermatomes) | Herpes zoster, segmental neurofibromatosis |
| Disseminated | | |
| Generalized/widespread | Lesions distributed randomly over most of the body | Varicella, disseminated zoster, morbilliform dr |
| Within an anatomical region | surface area (generalized/widespread) or within an anatomical region | eruption, viral exanthems Folliculitis (buttocks), Grover disease (trunk) |
| (e.g. the back, an extremity) Exposed skin | an anatonnear region | romeunus (outtoexs), orover disease (tilling) |
| Exposed to the environment | Areas exposed to external agents (chemical allergens, irritants or physical agents) | Allergic contact dermatitis to plants, airborne contact dermatitis |
| Exposed to sunlight or other | | Polymorphic light eruption, phototoxic drug |
| forms of radiation (e.g. photodistributed) | | eruption, radiation dermatitis |
| Extensor sites (of extremities) | Areas overlying muscles and tendons involved in extension, as well as joints (e.g. extensor forearm, elbow, knee) | Psoriasis, keratosis pilaris, frictional lichenoid dermatitis |
| Flexural sites | Areas overlying muscle and tendons involved in flexion of joints or the inner aspect of joints (e.g. antecubital or popliteal fossae) | Atopic dermatitis |
| Follicular and perifollicular | Lesions located within or around hair follicles | Folliculitis, pityriasis rubra pilaris, keratosis pilaris |
| Generalized/widespread | Distributed over most of the body surface area (see above) | Viral exanthems (e.g. rubeola, rubella), morbilliform drug eruption |
| Grouped | | ŭ . |
| Herpetiform | Clusters of papulovesicles | Herpes simplex |
| Agminated | Solid papules within a cluster | Agminated melanocytic naevi, leiomyomas |
| Satellitosis | Smaller papules surrounding a larger lesion | Melanoma metastases, pyogenic granulomas |
| Interdigital | Area between the fingers or toes | Tinea pedis, erythrasma |
| Intertriginous Linear | Present in major body folds (axilla, submammary, inguinal crease, beneath pannus, intergluteal fold) Linear arrangement of lesions | Inverse psoriasis, intertrigo, cutaneous candido (candidiasis), Langerhans cell histiocytosis |
| Köbner phenomenon | Lesions induced by physical stimuli (e.g. trauma, scratching, friction, sunburn) | Psoriasis, lichen planus, vitiligo |
| Dermatomal (zosteriform) ^a | See 'Dermatomal' above | See 'Dermatomal' above |
| Sporotrichoid Along Blaschko lines | Lesions along lymphatic vessels Lesions due to mosaicism | Sporotrichosis, Mycobacterium marinum infection Epidermal naevus, linear lichen planus, lichen striatus |
| Localized | Lesions confined to one or a few areas | Leiomyomas, scalp psoriasis |
| Palmar, plantar, palmoplantar | Lesions on the palms and/or soles | Keratoderma, pustulosis palmaris et plantaris |
| Periorificial (e.g. periocular, periorbital, perianal) | Lesions around body orifices | Vitiligo, periorificial dermatitis |
| Seborrhoeic regions | Areas with the highest density of sebaceous glands (e.g. scalp, face, upper trunk) | Seborrhoeic dermatitis, Darier disease |
| Segmental | Tariana alama amba a a a a a | D: |
| Block-like | Lesions along embryonic growth lines ^a | Pigmentary mosaicism incontinentia nigmenti |
| Along Blaschko lines Dermatomal (zosteriform) | Lesions along embryonic growth lines ^a See 'Dermatomal' | Pigmentary mosaicism, incontinentia pigmenti Herpes zoster |
| Symmetrical | Lesions or pattern with symmetry along an axis (e.g. the midline) | Psoriasis, atopic dermatitis |
| Unilateral | Lesions confined to either the left or the right half of the body | Herpes zoster, CHILD syndrome ^b , segmental vitiligo |
| Universal | Involving the entire body | Alopecia universalis |
| Zosteriform (dermatomal) ^a | See 'Dermatomal' | See 'Dermatomal' |

| Form (top view) | Definition | Clinical example(s) |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Circumscribed | | |
| Well circumscribed | Distinct demarcation between involved and | Psoriasis, vitiligo |
| | uninvolved skin | |
| Poorly circumscrib | ed Indistinct demarcation between involved | Atopic dermatitis |
| | and uninvolved skin | |
| Digitate | Resembles fingers | Digitate dermatosis, a form of parapsoriasis |
| Figurate | A shape or form with rounded margins | |
| Annular | Shape of a ring (clear centrally) | Tinea corporis, granuloma annulare, erythema annulare |
| Arciform | A comment of a ring, each like | centrifugum |
| Polycyclic | A segment of a ring; arch-like Coalescence of several rings | Urticaria, erythema annulare centrifugum Subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus |
| Serpiginous | Wavy pattern, reminiscent of a snake | Cutaneous larva migrans |
| Geometric | rary pattern, reministeric of a state | Cutaneous iai va inigianis |
| Artefactual | Lesions induced by trauma are often | Trauma (including self-induced and factitial) |
| | angulated or have linear edges; the | , |
| | configuration can reflect sites of exposure | |
| | to irritants or allergens | |
| Block-like | Embryonic pattern resembling rectangular | Pigmentary mosaicism, chimerism |
| | blocks whose size can vary (see | |
| al l l l | 'Segmental') | |
| Checkerboard | See 'block-like' | Pigmentary mosaicism, chimerism |
| Guttate | Small, with a shape that often resembles a | Guttate psoriasis, idiopathic guttate hypomelanosis; |
| Oval | droplet A round shape with slight elongation, | often multiple similar-appearing lesions Pityriasis rosea |
| Ovai | resembling that of an ellipse or egg | TityTiasis Tosca |
| Polygonal | A lesion whose shape resembles a polygon | Lichen planus |
| /8 | with multiple angles | |
| Polymorphic | Variable sizes and shapes as well as types of | Polymorphic light eruption, Kawasaki disease |
| | lesions | |
| Reticulate | Net-like or lacy pattern | Livedo reticularis, erythema ab igne, oral lichen planus |
| Round (discoid) | Circular or coin-shaped | Discoid lupus erythematosus, nummular eczema, fixed |
| | | drug eruption |
| Form (profile/side | view) Definition | Clinical example(s) |
| Acuminate | Elevated with tapering to a sharp point(s) | Filiform wart, cutaneous horn |
| Depressed | Surface below that of normal adjacent skin | Dermal atrophy: atrophoderma |
| | | Lipoatrophy: antiretroviral therapy, corticosteroid injections |
| Domed | Hemispherical form | Intradermal melanocytic naevus, fibrous papule of the |
| | | nose, molluscum contagiosum |
| Flat-topped | Elevated with a flat top | Lichen planus, lichen striatus, condylomata lata |
| Papillomatous | Multiple projections resembling a nipple | Papillomatous intradermal melanocytic naevus, |
| D- dl-+- d | Denote on a duly see that have this on stalls | epidermal naevus |
| Pedunculated Raised edge | Papule or nodule attached by a thinner stalk Elevated peripheral rim | Skin tag (acrochordon) Porokeratosis |
| Umbilicated | Small central depression | Varicella, herpes simplex, molluscum contagiosum |
| Verruciform | Multiple projections resembling a wart | Verrucae |
| Palpation of cutaneo | | |
| Texture or feel | Definition | Clinical example(s) |
| | | |
| Atrophy | A diminution of tissue, divided into epidermal, dermal and subcutaneous | Epidermal: lichen sclerosus Dermal: anetoderma |
| | definal and subcutaneous | Subcutaneous: lipoatrophy |
| Compressible | Pressure leads to reduction in volume | Venous lake |
| Firm | Feels solid and compact | Cutaneous metastasis, dermatofibroma |
| Fixed | Is not mobile | Osteoma, Heberden nodes, tumour attached |
| | | to deep soft tissue |
| Fluctuant | Compressible, implying liquefaction | Inflamed epidermoid cyst, abscess |
| Induration | Firm texture in the absence of calcification or bone | Morphoea, systemic sclerosis |
| | formation | |
| Mobile | Can be moved over deeper soft tissue structures | Lipoma, epidermoid inclusion cyst, dermatofibroma |

Table 2 (continued)

| Texture or feel | Definition | Clinical example(s) |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Pulsatile | Throbs | Arteriovenous malformation |
| Rock hard | Very hard | Calcinosis cutis, osteoma cutis |
| Rope-like | Feels like a rope within the skin | Thrombophlebitis |
| Rough | Lesion with an uneven and coarse surface | Actinic keratosis |
| Rubbery | Resembles rubber: firm but with some compressibility | Epidermoid inclusion cyst, reactive lymph nodes |
| Smooth | Even, uniform surface | Fibrous papule of the nose |
| Soft | Compressible, shape easy to change or mould | Skin tag, intradermal melanocytic naevus, neurofibroma |
| Warm | Temperature higher than normal surrounding skin | Arteriovenous malformation, erysipelas, cellulitis |

ichthyosiform erythroderma and limb defects.

| Term | Definition | Clinical example(s) |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Alopecia | Decreased density or thickness of hairs | Androgenetic alopecia, alopecia areata, naevus sebaceus on scalp |
| Anaesthetic | Loss of sensation | Tuberculoid leprosy lesion |
| Artefact | Induced by exogenous injury, sometimes self- inflicted | Factitial dermatosis |
| Callus | Reactive hyperkeratosis, usually due to friction and/ or pressure, leading to enhanced skin markings | Overlying heads of metacarpals and metatarsals (palmoplantar surface) |
| Clavus (hard corn) | Localized thickening of the stratum corneum due to pathological pressure, leading to a smooth glassy appearance | Overlying bony prominences, e.g. lateral fifth toe, metatarsal heads (plantar surface) |
| Comedo (open and closed) | Open: dilated hair infundibulum with oxidized (black) keratinous debris ('blackhead') Closed: expansion of hair infundibulum by keratinous debris, usually with no connection to skin surface ('whitehead') | Acne vulgaris, comedones of sun-damaged facial skin (Favre–Racouchot syndrome), chloracne |
| Dysaesthesia | Inappropriate sensations, e.g. paraesthesias | Vulvodynia, notalgia paraesthetica, herpes zoster, including the pre-eruptive phase |
| Ecchymosis (bruise) | Haemorrhage into the skin, usually due to trauma | Use of anticoagulant medications, postoperative, clotting abnormality |
| Exanthem | Acute widespread eruption, usually due to a viral infection or drug reaction | Rubeola, rubella, roseola infantum; morbilliform or exanthematous drug reaction |
| Fissure | Linear disruption of stratum corneum; may extend into the dermis | Chronic hand dermatitis, angular cheilitis |
| Fistula | Abnormal congenital or acquired passage from an abscess or hollow organ to the skin surface | Crohn disease, draining abscess associated with hidradenitis suppurativa |
| Gangrene | Death of tissue due to ischaemia, usually acral | Peripheral arterial disease, cholesterol emboli, frostbite |
| Gumma | Granulomatous nodule or plaque with sticky (rubber-like) discharge | Tertiary syphilis, tuberculous gumma |
| Haematoma | Circumscribed, usually palpable haemorrhage into the skin or soft tissues | Trauma, including surgery; use of anticoagulant medications |
| Halo | Peripheral ring, usually referring to loss of pigment | Halo melanocytic naevus |

Table 3 Additional descriptive terms for cutaneous lesions

| Additional descriptive | terms for cutaneous lesions | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Term | Definition | Clinical example(s) |
| Horn | Keratosis that resembles a horn | Actinic keratosis, verruca |
| Hyperkeratosis | Thickening of the stratum corneum, usually leading to a rough surface | Hypertrophic actinic keratosis, squamous cell carcinom |
| (keratotic) ^a Infarct | Ischaemia of tissue due to arterial occlusion | Cholesterol or infectious emboli, intra-arterial injections |
| Keratoderma | Thickening of the stratum corneum and/or epidermis of the palms and soles, often inherited | Three major types of palmoplantar keratoderma: (i) diffuse; (ii) focal; (iii) punctate |
| Keratosis | Focal thickening of the epidermis, especially the stratum corneum | Seborrhoeic keratosis, actinic keratosis |
| Kerion | Boggy plaque, due to infection, that often contains pustules | Tinea capitis due to Microsporum or Trichophyton spp. |
| Lichenification | Accentuation of skin markings, often due to rubbing | Lichen simplex chronicus |
| Necrosis | Death of tissue | Septic emboli, centre of cutaneous metastases |
| Peeling (exfoliation) | Desquamation (shedding) of the stratum corneum | Resolving phase of a sunburn; distal digits following scarlet fever, Kawasaki disease or a high fever |
| Petechia | Tiny pinpoint haemorrhage into the dermis | Capillaritis (pigmented purpura), thrombocytopenia |
| Poikiloderma | Simultaneous presence of atrophy, telangiectasia and hypo- and hyperpigmentation | Mycosis fungoides, dermatomyositis, photoageing |
| Prurigo | Papules or nodules due to scratching or picking | Prurigo nodularis |
| Purpura | Haemorrhage into the skin due to pathological processes, primarily of blood vessels | Solar (senile) purpura, small-vessel vasculitis, overuse of topical corticosteroids, primary systemic amyloidosis |
| Sinus | Tract leading from a deeper focus to the skin surface | Hidradenitis suppurativa, pilonidal cyst, dental sinus |
| Stria | Linear atrophy along tension lines; initially can be red to purple in colour (stria rubra) | Striae gravidarum, striae of body folds due to potent topical corticosteroids |
| Swelling | Enlargement due to accumulation of oedema or fluid, including blood | Angio-oedema |
| Telangiectasia | Permanently dilated capillaries | Actinic damage, rosacea, venous hypertension (lower extremities) |
| Cutaneous lesions tha | t resemble classical diseases or have unique appearances | |
| Lesions | Classical disease(s) or appearance | Example(s) |
| Cocarde (cockade, co | ckarde) Targetoid appearance | Erythema multiforme, cockarde (cockade) naevus, pemphigoid gestationis |
| Herpetiform | Herpes simplex or herpes zoster | Dermatitis herpetiformis |
| Erythema multiforme | -like Erythema multiforme | Drug eruptions, urticaria multiforme |
| Morbilliform | Measles | Drug eruptions that are widespread and maculopapula |
| Scarlatiniform | Scarlet fever | Drug eruptions that are widespread and confluent |

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Table 4 Additional terms: colour of cutaneous lesions

| Colour | Clinical example(s) |
|----------------------------|---|
| Colour under natural l | ight |
| Black | Melanoma, necrosis |
| Brown | Compound melanocytic naevus, café au lait macule, melasma |
| Golden | Serous crusts of impetigo |
| Green to green-black | Pseudomonas infection |
| Pink | Pityriasis rosea, morbilliform drug eruption, basal cell carcinoma (all in lighter skin phototypes) |
| Red | Pyogenic granuloma, erysipelas |
| Salmon pink | Pityriasis rubra pilaris |
| Skin-coloured | Epidermoid inclusion cyst, lipoma, intradermal melanocytic naevus, acrochordon |
| Slate gray | Erythema dyschromicum perstans (ashy dermatosis) |
| Tan ^a | Naevus depigmentosus, postinflammatory hypopigmentation, pityriasis alba |
| Violet | Lichen planus, purpura |
| White | Vitiligo, idiopathic guttate hypomelanosis |
| Yellow | Xanthomas |
| Colour under Wood's | light |
| Blue-green to yellow-green | Tinea capitis due to Microsporum spp. |
| Coral pink | Erythrasma |
| Red | Urine in some forms of porphyria |
| White | Well-developed lesions of vitiligo |
| Yellow to yellow- green | Pityriasis (tinea) versicolor |

^aNot to be confused with the increase in pigmentation seen after exposure to natural or artificial ultraviolet radiation.

pean Society of Contact Dermatitis; French Society of Dermatology; German Dermatological Society; Hungarian Dermatological Society; Cosmetic Dermatology Society of India; Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists; Indian Society of Teledermatology; Association of Cutaneous Surgeons India; Italian Society of Dermatology Medical, Surgical, Esthetical and Sexually Transmitted Diseases; Japanese Dermatological Association; Japanese Society for Investigative Dermatology; Lebanese Dermatological Society; Mexican

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