

Appendix 1: Skin scraping sample showing *Demodex folliculorum* mites



Skin scraping sample showing *Demodex folliculorum* mites. A sterile vaccinostyle was used to scratch a 1 cm² section of skin surface. Flakes and pustule secretions were collected on a glass slide. A drop of chlorazol black was added and a cover slip was applied. The specimens were examined under light microscopy (original magnification × 10). The mite count, which was higher than 5 mites/cm², was considered abnormal.