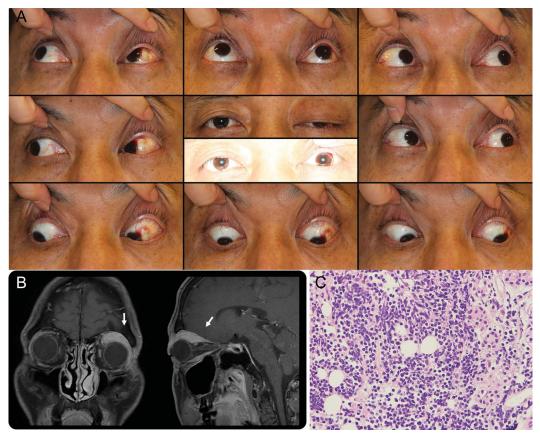


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Teaching Neuro *Images*: Superior divisional oculomotor nerve palsy due to orbital lymphoma

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(A) Incomplete ptosis and limitation of elevation in the left eye is consistent with superior divisional palsy of left oculomotor nerve. (B) MRIs show a well-enhancing lesion in the left superior orbital cavity (arrow). (C) Dense infiltration of small lymphoid cells is consistent with a malignant lymphoma (hematoxylin & eosin, ×400).

Divisional patterns of oculomotor nerve palsy usually indicate a lesion involving the oculomotor nerve distal to anterior cavernous sinus where the nerve divides into the superior and inferior branches. A 48-year-old man showed painless ptosis and limitation of elevation, but normal pupil in the left eye (figure, A), which indicates a lesion limited to the oculomotor superior division that innervates the levator palpebrae and superior rectus. MRI revealed a nonpalpable mass in the superior portion of left orbital cavity (figure, B) that was confirmed as a malignant lymphoma (figure, C).

Orbital lesions including lymphoma should be considered in divisional patterns of oculomotor palsy.²

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