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6 DDS IN FILARIASIS

TO THE EDITOR:

An interesting observation in the diaminodiphenyl sulfone (DDS) treatment of leprosy has been made in three cases in which there was complicating filariasis, with fever and swellings at definite intervals for many years. Since beginning DDS all of these patients have lost their fever and periodic swellings. This may of course be a coincidence, and we cannot confirm it by microfilaria findings in the blood, but it looks like something useful and the patients themselves are quite sure that this cause and effect are connected. This is a matter which might be investigated where filariasis is common. I have not the facilities for doing that here.

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