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Distribution of Granuloma Multiforme

TO THE EDITOR:

Dr. W. M. Meyers and co-workers (Internat. J. Leprosy 38 (1970) 241-249) state that this disease until now has been reported only from Nigeria and Kenya. In the last few years several cases have been found in Tanzania (in the area bordering Lake Victoria), in Uganda (in the Southern parts as well as in the North East) and some cases have been seen in the Cameroon. A very important focus has been discovered on the island of Sumba in Indonesia. The diagnosis in these cases has been

confirmed by histopathologic examination. In Sumba, the clinical picture, the age distribution of the cases, and the distribution of the lesions on the body were similar again to the findings in Nigeria and Kenya.

It appears that the disease is not restricted to Middle Africa.

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