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Case Report

blotches in the lung (Click to enlarge)

This was a case of a thirty-three year old married woman. She had ninety percent epidermal and dermo-epidermal burns. The victim died on the spot. No history or evidence of external or internal injuries was present in the chest. But the lungs showed blotches (dark blackish with a reddish tinge) on the rear (posterior) surface. These blotches could be mistaken for contusions. In this case they



were sub-pleural and not due to injuries. Other findings were non-specific. The cause of death was burns. Histopathology examination was not requested.

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