

Photo Essay Cataract

## Epicapsular stars

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Epicapsular stars are known to be remains of tunica vasculosa lentis. The lens receives its blood supply by tunica vasculosa, the remnants of which cause appearance of epicapsular stars.<sup>[1]</sup>

Tunica vasculosa lentis remnants are of 3 types: Type 1 has attachment only to iris; Type 2 has iridolenticular adhesions; and Type 3 has attachment to the cornea. Epicapsular stars falls in category 2. They are also commonly known as chicken tracks.<sup>[2,3]</sup> Their resemblance to rice granules has been described by Balijepalli *et al.*<sup>[4]</sup>

A 34-year-old female presented with irritation in both eyes. On examination, visual acuity in both eyes was 20/20. Slit-lamp evaluation showed the existence of a group of epicapsular stars in both eyes on the anterior lens capsule [Figure 1]. The patient complained of mild photophobia, but no major discomfort hence no surgical intervention was planned. She was kept on follow-up. Intraocular pressure, gonioscopy, and fundus findings were normal.



**Figure 1:** Slit-lamp photograph showing epicapsular stars on the anterior lens capsule. These were a group of small yellowish-brownish deposits placed like a group of flying birds in the sky (×10 magnification).

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