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## OCTOBER IOTADERMA (#320)

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We all know about the semicircular canals of the inner ear. What, and where, is the Sucquet-Hoyer canal?

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Answer will appear in the *JAAD* Online section of the November issue.

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## SEPTEMBER IOTADERMA (#319)

**Question:** Truly devoted coffee drinkers will often rave about their favorite coffee bean. Where is the term **coffee bean** utilized in dermatology?

**Answer:** Coffee bean is a descriptive term used in dermatopathology to characterize the appearance of nuclei of Langerhans cells found in the dermal infiltrates of histiocytoses.<sup>1,2</sup> This cell type classically is noted microscopically to have a prominent grooved nucleus which looks much like a coffee bean, and has an abundant cytoplasm. Confirmation of Langerhans cells can be obtained using the immunohistochemical markers CD1a, S100, clusterin, and langerin CD207.<sup>1,2</sup>

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