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A Conjunctival Melanoma Causing Bloody Tears

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A 74-year-old man with no previous history of eye disease (Fig 1 A), presented with episodes of intermittent haemolacria occurring over a five-month period. When the left upper lid was everted, a raised pigmented lesion was seen on the tarsal conjunctiva (Fig 1 B). Histopathology (H&E) revealed a conjunctival melanoma composed of nests within the substantia propria. Marked pleomorphism, atypia, mitotic figures, and multinucleated tumor giant cells (Fig 1 C *arrow*) were seen. “Melanoma cocktail” immunohistochemical stain highlighted the tumor cells (Fig 1 D *asterisk*). PET/CT scan and a sentinel lymph node biopsy were negative for metastatic disease.

Figure 1.