A 32 years old woman with acute myelogenous leukemia in remission received high-dose intravenous cytarabine (HIDAC; 2 g/m² every 12 hours for 12 doses). In spite of the prophylactic use of steroid eye drops, she developed photophobia. Keratitis (punctate epithelial erosions) was detected by biomicroscopy. Topical corticosteroids, however, significantly reduced both the intensity and duration of ARA-C induced signs and symptoms of corneal toxicity.

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