

A case of a true human tail

A mother brought a male neonate with a tail-like lesion over the lower paraspinal area since birth. On examination, an 11 cm long, soft, pedunculated globular swelling covered by normal skin was present over the lower left paraspinal area, along with the deviation of the gluteal cleft to the right side

[Figure 1]. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) spine showed a well-defined pedunculated T2 hypertense lesion connected to the skin in the sacral region without any underlying spinal dysraphism. A diagnosis of a true tail was made as MRI showed no evidence of protruding gliomas, teratomas, or vertebrae.



Figure 1: A pedunculated, soft globular swelling covered by normal skin seen over the lower left paraspinal area along with the deviation of the gluteal cleft to the right side.

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