Immediate linear dermatitis caused by jellyfish sting

A 3-year-old child was brought by her parents for evaluation of painful red streaks associated with burning sensation on the thigh. There was a history of accidental brushing against a jellyfish at the beach the previous day. Erythematous macules in a whiplash pattern were noted on the lateral and anterior aspects of the right thigh, some featuring a central greyish-black hue [Figure 1]. There was no lymphadenopathy, and the child was stable. Immediate cutaneous reaction to a jellyfish sting was diagnosed and treated with a topical mometasone furoate 0.1% with fusidic acid 2% cream twice daily for two weeks. The lesions healed with hyperpigmentation and minimal scarring in a few areas. This case is being reported for its classical clinical presentation.



Figure 1: Multiple, curvilinear, erythematous macules in a whiplash pattern were noted over the lateral aspect of the right thigh with some featuring a central greyish-black hue.

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