

Post-traumatic ectopic fingernail

A 43-year-old male patient presented with pain and discomfort over the right index finger for the last 10 months. He sustained trauma 2 months prior to the onset of the discomfort. Examination showed a split right index finger in its normal position and a fully developed, smaller-than-normal rudimentary nail with distally directed nail growth [Figure 1]. The accessory nail was removed under local anaesthesia along with chemical nail matrix ablation and the patient was relieved of his symptoms. The accessory fingernail can be congenital; however, most reported cases are post-traumatic and results from implantation of nail matrix in the adjacent skin.

Declaration of patient consent

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Figure 1: Split right index fingernail and almost normal-looking smaller ectopic nail on the lateral aspect of fingernail.

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