

## Aplasia cutis congenita with dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa: Bart syndrome



**Figure 1:** Localized absence of skin on the anteromedial aspect of the right lower extremity and the left foot and bullous lesions on the limbs and trunk

A 9-h-old newborn boy was admitted in our care-unit with localized absence of skin. On dermatological examination, we detected congenital and localized absence of skin extending from the right knee to dorsum of ipsilateral foot in strip-shapes. The entire left foot was also involved. Additionally, we observed several flaccid and tense bullous lesions on the face, oral mucosa, upper limbs and back containing translucent fluid. [Figure 1]. Nail involvement was also noted, and they appeared rudimentary. Histopathological examination of a bulla revealed sub-epidermal cleft, consistent with the diagnosis of epidermolysis bullosa. Direct immunofluorescence failed to demonstrate IgA, IgG, IgM or C3 depositions at the dermal-epidermal junction, thus

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ruling out epidermolysis bullosa acquisita. We performed whole-exome sequencing to confirm our diagnosis and detected the mutation c.6801delA chr3:48610325 p.K2267fs with exon 86 and c.3625\_3635del chr3:48623595 p.S1209fs with exon 27 of *COL7A1*. Based on clinical presentation, corroborative histopathology and genetic analysis, we made a provisional diagnosis of Bart syndrome. We advised symptomatic measures including skin-care and tips for preventing infection, and regular follow-up.

#### **Declaration of patient consent**

The authors certify that they have obtained all appropriate patient consent forms. In the form, the legal guardian has given his consent for images and other clinical information to be reported in the journal. The guardian understands that child's names and initials will not be published and due efforts will be made to conceal the identity but anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

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