
LONG STORY OF A SHORT GIRL

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CASE HISTORY:

- 1st born, 3rd degree consanguineous parents
 - Uneventful antenatal & neonatal period
 - Developmentally normal
 - Well till 15 months of life

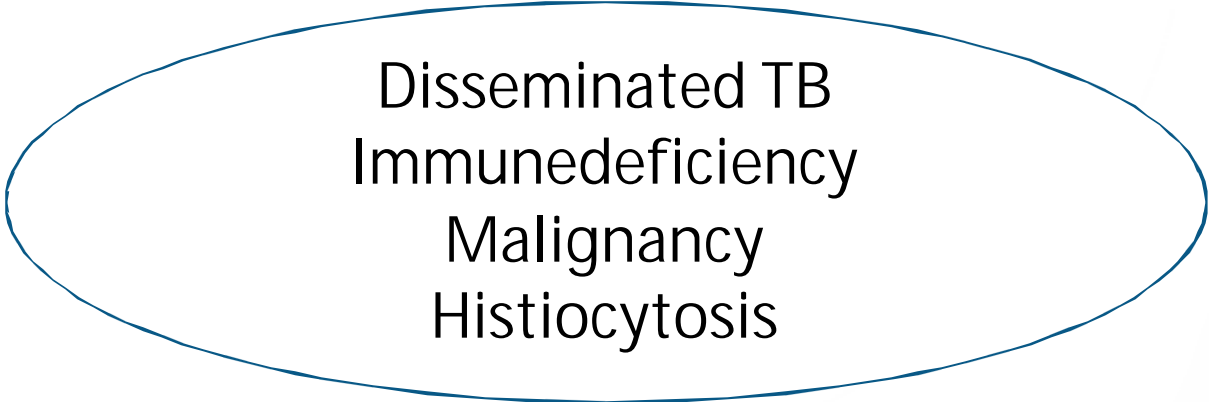
 - Younger sibling – died at 20 days of life ?ALF
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February 2004

- 2 ½ yrs of age
- Evaluated for Recurrent fever

Hepatosplenomegaly

Anemia requiring transfusion



Disseminated TB
Immunodeficiency
Malignancy
Histiocytosis

TC – 14000, Hb – 9

Plat – 3lakhs

ESR – 90mm/hr

Mantoux – 10mm

CXR – opacified minor
fissure

HIV ELISA – non reactive

Ig profile – high IgG

Flow cytometry - N

Bone marrow – reactive

Liver Biopsy – granuloma

Started on
Empirical ATT

Persisting symptoms

- Recurrent fever, high inflammatory markers, hypergammaglobulinemia, Normal T & B cell markers
- Recurrent lower respiratory infections – requiring antibiotics
- Hepatosplenomegaly

“NBT – moderate impairment”

“PROBABLE CHRONIC GRANULOMATOUS DISEASE”

Itraconazole & cotrimoxazole prophylaxis

Recurrent infections

October 2005	Pneumonia
January 2007	Posterior mediastinal mass
January 2008	Left lower lobe pneumonia with effusion
February 2008	Left paraspinal abscess
June 2008	Granulomatous spondylitis with epidural abscess
October 2009	Suppurative cervical adenitis/abscess
November 2009	Left preauricular abscess
August 2010	Interscapular abscess
February 2012	Pneumonia
August 2015	Intracranial granuloma

January 2007

- Presented with Fever, Respiratory distress
 - Chest x-ray & CT chest – posterior mediastinal mass
 - Thoracotomy – mediastinal node; HPE showed granuloma
 - Given ATT
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June 2008

- Presented with back pain
- Tender Right paraspinal swelling
- X-ray DL spine – wedge compression of D12
- MRI spine - Granulomatous spondylosis-D12
 - Epidural soft tissue lesion D11-L1
 - Cord compression

Costotransversectomy of D11-12 &
drainage of epidural abscess –
ASPERGILLUS isolated

Treated with Amphotericin B,
followed by oral voriconazole

Kyphoscoliosis/gibbus
Parents deferred reconstructive surgery

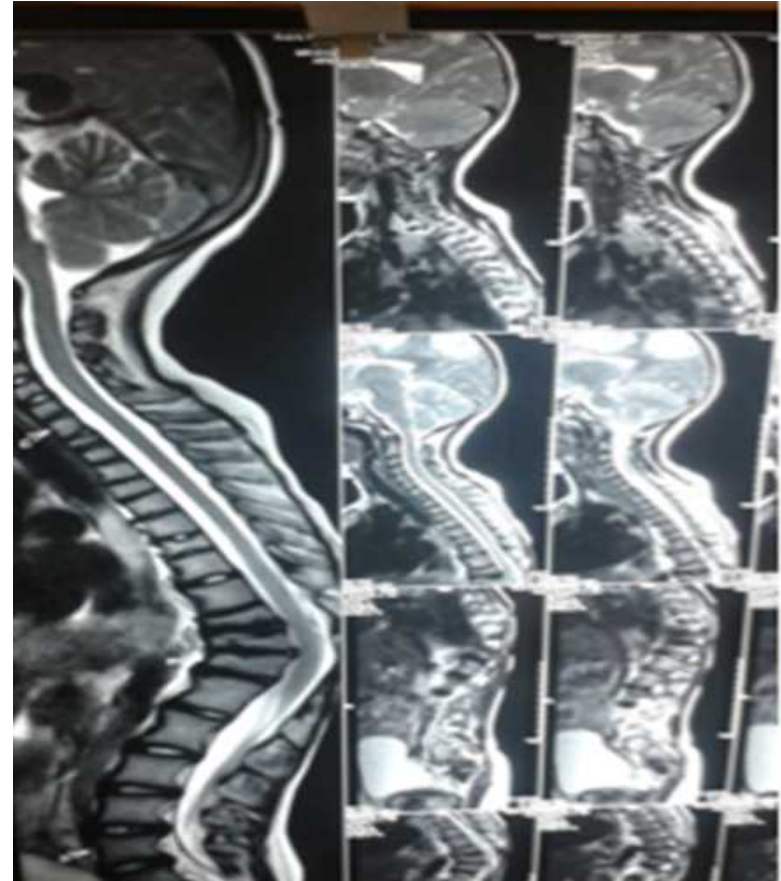
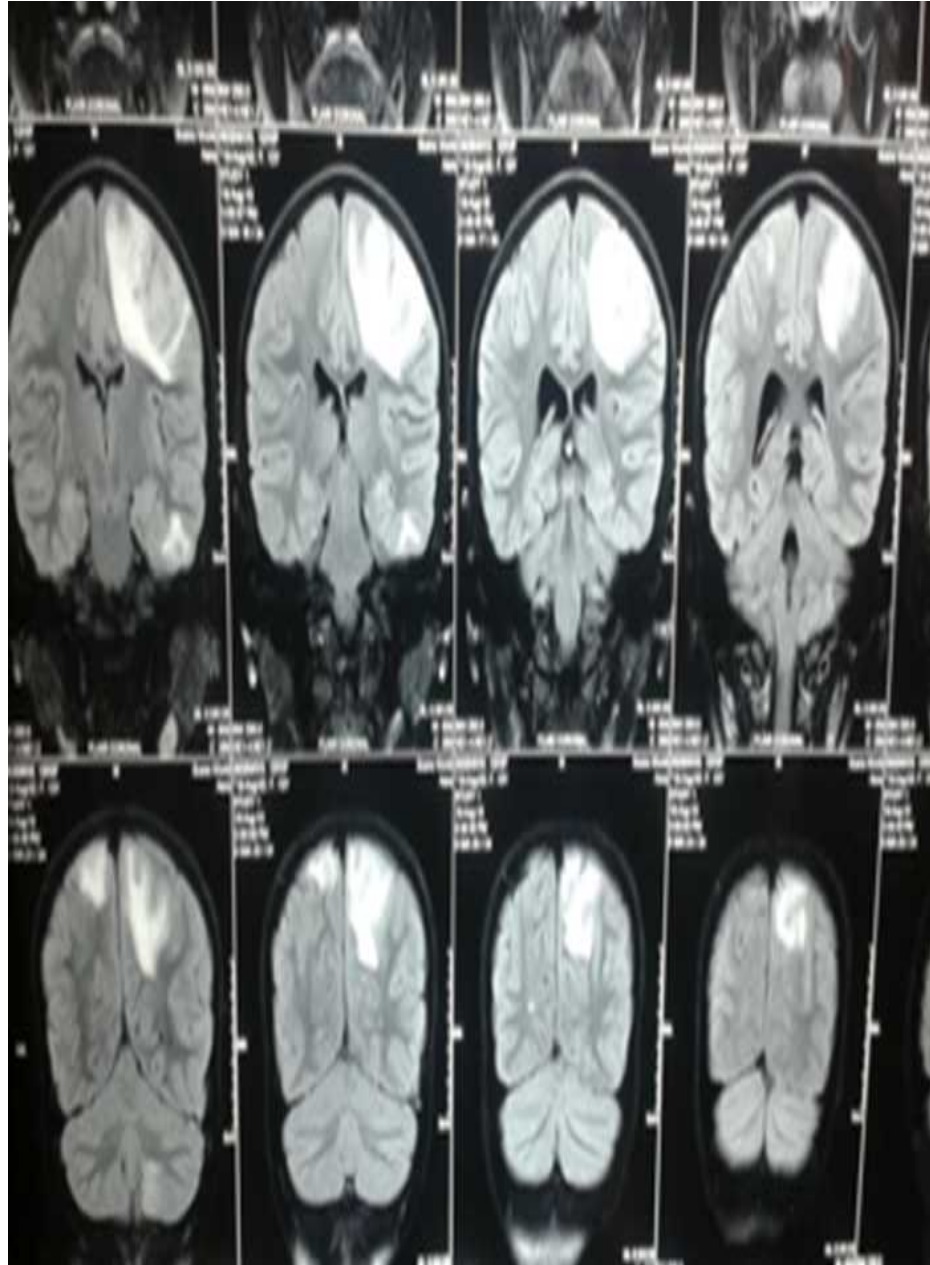
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Neutrophils	0%	95 – 100%

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Comments: Abnormal NBT and DHR values observed. Suggestive of Chronic Granulomatous Disease (CGD).

Recent admission – August 2015

- Presented with Right upper limb weakness & partial seizures
 - Headache & vomiting+
 - Right monoparesis (distal weakness>proximal)
 - Fundus – normal
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TC – 11900
Hb – 9
Platelet – 5.3lakhs

USG Abdomen – HSM

CRP – 85.1mg/L

Serum galactomannan
antigen – negative

ESR – 111 mm/hr



Neurosurgeon consult
Parents deferred biopsy

Empirical Voriconazole for 2 weeks

Leviteracetam

CGD – DIAGNOSTIC APPROACH

Clinical information

1. Severe, recurrent pulmonary and hepatic infections including abscess formation
2. Specific etiologic pathogens such as *B. cepacia*, *Nocardia*, *Aspergillus* etc
3. Granulomatous lesions of the GI tract or the GU system

Laboratory abnormalities

1. Anemia
2. Polyclonal hyperglobulinemia
3. Elevated acute phase reactants such as ESR or CRP
4. Normal studies of T and B lymphocyte immunity

Diagnostic test

1. NBT test (no longer used)
2. DHR

Molecular tests

1. Immunoblotting or flow cytometry
 2. Molecular techniques including gene sequencing and mutational analyses for subtype
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TREATMENT OPTIONS

Prophylaxis of Infection

Antibacterial therapy

Trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole (TMP-SMX) 5 mg/kg/day (based upon the TMP component, maximum dose 320 mg P.O in two divided daily doses) [187]

Antifungal therapy

Itraconazole 5 mg/kg [85] (maximum dose 200 mg orally daily)

Immunomodulatory therapy

Interferon-gamma (IFN- γ) [85,137] 50 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^2$ (subcutaneous) three times a week 1.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{kg}$ (subcutaneous) three times a week for children $<0.5 \text{ m}^2$

Management of Infection

<i>Empirical treatment</i>	TMP-SMX/Fluoroquinolone/Antifungal (Voriconazole) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Burkholderia</i>, <i>Serratia</i> species: TMP-SMX• <i>Nocardia</i> species: TMP-SMX and/or Carbapenem• <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>: TMP-SMX or Vancomycin• Fungal infection: Antifungal agent ± Steroid
<i>Liver abscess</i>	Surgical excision [111]; IFN γ [108,120]
<i>Granulocyte Transfusion</i>	Unirradiated white blood cells [183,184]
<u>Definitive treatment</u>	
<i>Stem cell transplant</i>	HLA-identical sibling umbilical cord stem cell transplantation (UCSCT) after myeloablative conditioning (Stem cell transplantation from a HLA-identical donor may, at present, be the only proven curative approach to CGD) [185-187]
<i>Gene therapy</i>	Still experimental [188-192]

Review of Literature:

REVIEW

Central nervous system aspergillosis in children: a systematic review of reported cases[☆]

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