



**CENTRAL PRESENTATION  
DHAKA MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL**

**A 52-YEAR-OLD WOMAN PRESENTED  
WITH MULTIPLE JOINT PAIN AND FACIAL  
ASYMMETRY**

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# PARTICULARS OF THE PATIENT

- Name : Mrs. X
- Age : 52 years
- Sex : Female
- Address : Gazipur
- Occupation : Housewife
- Marital status : Married
- Religion : Islam
- Date of admission : 4/12/24
- Date of examination: 4/12/24

# THE PRESENTING COMPLAINTS

- Pain in multiple joint for 5 years
- Swelling of the both lower limbs for 1 year
- Shortness of breath for 1 year

# HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

According to the statement of the patient, she was reasonably well 5 years back. Then she developed pain in multiple joint that:

- Involved both hands and feet
- Initially small joints later involved large joints too
- Pain was mild but gradually it has become severe
- Morning stiffness persists for 4 hours and was relieved by activity

# HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

She complained of swelling of both lower limbs for 1 year that was:

- Gradual in onset
- Increased progressively over months
- No pain/ facial puffiness
- Not improved by elevation / rest
- No history of trauma /surgery / radiation exposure

# HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

She also complained of shortness of breath that was:

- Mainly exertional
- Progressively worsen over time
- Associated with fatigue and palpitation
- Not aggravated by lying flat
- No chest pain/ seasonal variation

# HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

There were no history of:

- Fever
- Weight loss
- Skin tightening and rash
- Oral ulcer
- Dry eye and mouth
- Contact with TB patient
- Color change in cold exposure
- Blood loss or repeated blood transfusion
- Muscle weakness
- Documented COVID-19 infection

# HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

- She was normotensive and non-diabetic
- Her bladder and bowel habits were normal

# HISTORY OF PAST ILLNESS

There were no significant past medical history

# DRUG HISTORY

She used to take NSAIDs occasionally for last 5 years

# PERSONAL HISTORY

- Non smoker, non alcoholic, non beetle nut chewer
- Uses sanitary latrine and drinks arsenic free water

# FAMILY HISTORY

- Eleventh issue of non consanguineous parents
- No history of such kind of illness

# SOCIOECONOMIC HISTORY

- She belongs to a lower middleclass family
- Lives in a tin shed house

# OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGICAL HISTORY

- Menopausal for 3 years
- Mother of three child
- Her all three pregnancies were uneventful

# IMMUNIZATION HISTORY

She was vaccinated

against:

- BCG
- Tetanus
- MMR

No history of:

- COVID-19
- Influenza
- Pneumococcal  
vaccination

# GENERAL EXAMINATION

- Appearance : **Ill looking, angle of mouth is deviated to right and pre and post auricular skin tags with incomplete development of left external ear (since birth)**
- Body build : Average
- Nutrition : Average
- Co operation : Co operative

# GENERAL EXAMINATION

- Decubitus : On choice
- Anaemia : Severe
- Oedema : Bilateral pedal oedema
- Jaundice : Absent
- Cyanosis : Absent
- Koilonychia : Absent

# GENERAL EXAMINATION

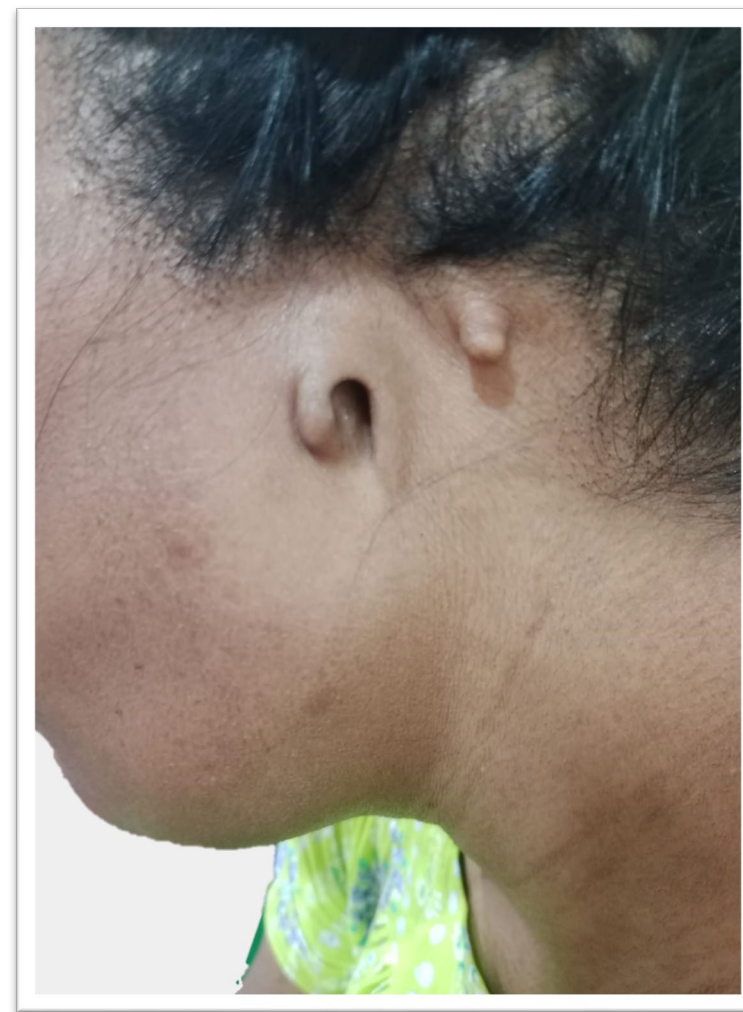
- Leukonychia : Absent
- Temp : 98° F
- Saturation : 95% in room air
- BP : 120/70 mm of Hg (no postural drop)
- Pulse : 112 beats/min and regular
- RR : 16 breaths/min

# GENERAL EXAMINATION

- JVP : Not raised
- Lymph node : Not palpable
- Thyroid gland : Not enlarged
- Pigmentation : Absent
- Body hair distribution : Normal

# GENERAL EXAMINATION

- Skin texture : Tightening, thickening and corrugation of both leg skin
- Cannula in situ in right hand
- Ophthalmoscopy : Normal
- Bed side urine : Negative for protein and sugar



Pictures taken with the consent from patient

# SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION

# MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

## **Examination of hand:**

### **Inspection:**

- Both wrist joints are swollen
- PIP joints of both hands are spindle shaped
- Swan neck deformity of right index & middle and left index finger
- Dorsal guttering in right hand

# MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

- Z deformity of both thumbs and ulnar deviation of both hands
- Movements are restricted in both wrists and fingers of both hands with impaired functional activity
- Flexion deformity of fingers as evident by prayer sign
- Wasting of thenar and hypothenar muscle

# MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

## **Palpation:**

- All PIP and MCP joints of both hands are tender
- Synovial thickening is present in both wrist joints

# MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

## **Examination of feet:**

- All metatarsophalangeal and interphalangeal joints are swollen and deformed in both feet
- Lateral deviation of toes with some flexion deformity

# MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

## **Examination of spine:**

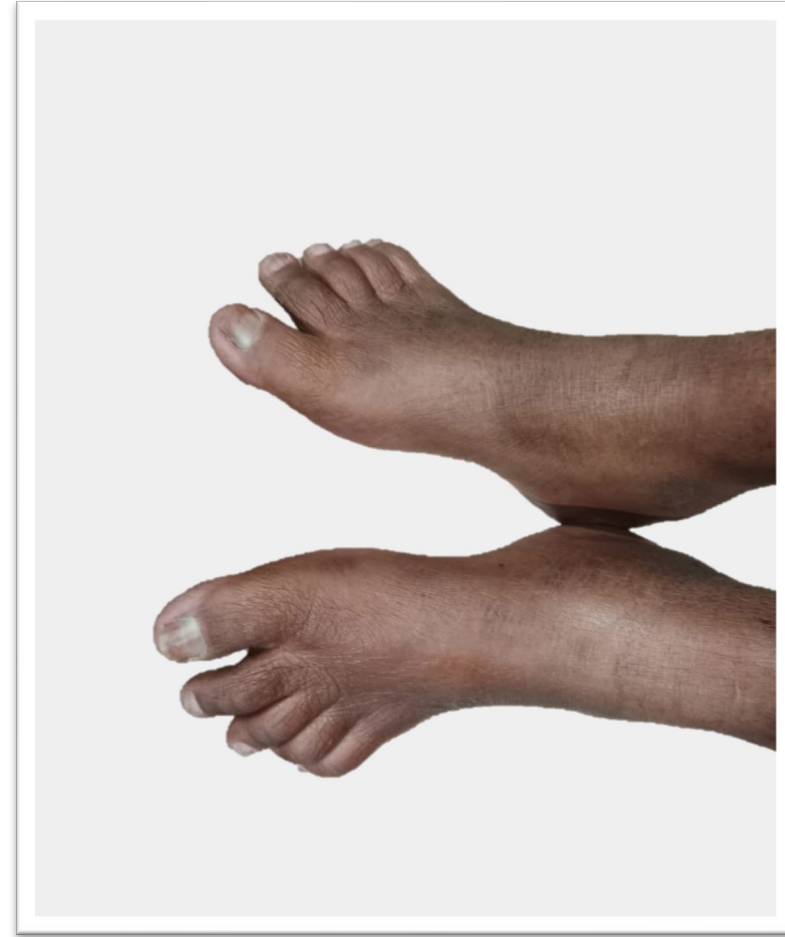
Lateral bending of dorsal spine is seen

# MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM

## **Examination of other joints:**

- Knee joints are swollen and tender
- There is no Baker or Popliteal cyst
- Elbow joints are swollen, tender with some flexion deformity

DAS 28 score- 7.09 ( using ESR)



Pictures taken with the consent

# RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

## Inspection:

- Movement is restricted in left side
- No scar mark , deformity, visible impulse or engorged vein

# RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- **Palpation:**

- Trachea is centrally placed
- Chest expansibility is reduced in left side
- Apex beat is palpable over left 5<sup>th</sup> intercostal space

- **Percussion:**

- Resonant over both lung fields except area of liver dullness

# RESPIRATORY SYSTEM

- **Auscultation:**

- Breath sound is vesicular
- Biphasic coarse crepitation over 6<sup>th</sup> intercostal space to downward in left side which was not altered with cough
- Vocal resonance is normal over both lung fields

# CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

- **Inspection:**

- No visible cardiac impulse and scar mark

- **Palpation:**

- Apex beat is situated in left 5<sup>th</sup> intercostal space just medial to the midclavicular line
- No thrill/heave/palpable P2

# CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

- **Auscultation:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> heart sound is audible in all four areas
- There is a systolic murmur over tricuspid and pulmonary area with no radiation

# GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

## Inspection :

- Abdomen is slightly distended
- Umbilicus centrally placed and inverted
- No visible peristalsis/ pulsation/ scar mark/ engorged veins/ pigmentation

# GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

## Palpation :

- No tenderness/ organomegaly

## Percussion :

- Dull in flanks
- Ascites was present as evidence by shifting dullness
- Upper border of liver dullness present in right 5<sup>th</sup> intercostal space

# GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

## **Auscultation :**

- Bowel sound present

# OTHER SYSTEMIC EXAMINATION

Revealed no abnormalities

# SALIENT FEATURES

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Mrs. X, 52 years old normotensive , non-diabetic, non-asthmatic muslim housewife, hailing from Gazipur, got admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 with the complaints of pain and swelling in multiple joint of hands and feet for 5 years which involved both small and large joints.

# SALIENT FEATURES

Severity of pain was increased over time that associated with morning stiffness which persists for about 4 hours and was relieved by activity.

She developed gradual swelling of both lower limbs for 1 year that had increased progressively over months with no history of anasarca.

# SALIENT FEATURES

She also complained of shortness of breath that was mainly exertional ,progressively worsening , associated with fatigue and palpitation that hampered her daily activities with no history of orthopnoea.

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# SALIENT FEATURES

On examination she has facial asymmetry, incompletely developed external ear with pre & post auricular skin tags, average body built, severely anaemic, bipedal pitting oedema. Her BP was 120/70 mm of Hg with no postural drop, pulse was 112 b/min and regular.

# SALIENT FEATURES

On musculoskeletal system examination, both wrist and elbow joints are swollen. PIP joints of both hands are spindle shaped. There is swan neck deformity of right index & middle and left index finger, Z deformity of both thumbs and ulnar deviation of both hands, flexion deformity of fingers as evident by prayer sign.

# SALIENT FEATURES

Movements are restricted in both wrists, elbows and fingers of both hands.

All metatarsophalangeal and interphalangeal joints are swollen and deformed in both feet with lateral deviation of toes . Knee joints are swollen and tender.

# SALIENT FEATURES

Examination of respiratory system revealed chest movement and expansibility is reduced in left side. Biphasic coarse crepitation over 6<sup>th</sup> intercostal space to downward in left side which is not altered with cough.

On cardiovascular system , there is a systolic murmur over tricuspid and pulmonary area with no radiation.

# SALIENT FEATURES

Examination of gastrointestinal system revealed, presence of ascites

# PROBLEM LIST FROM AUDIENCE

Multiple joint pain

Leg swelling

Shortness of  
breath

Facial asymmetry

Absent external  
ear

Scoliosis

Problem list

Anaemia

Pitting oedema

Tenderness ,  
swelling and  
deformity of joints

Coarse  
crepitation in left  
lung

Systolic murmur

WHAT COULD OUR DIAGNOSIS BE ?



# PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS

Rheumatoid Arthritis with Interstitial lung disease with Goldenhar Syndrome

# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Systemic lupus erythematosus
- Osteoarthritis

with Goldenhar Syndrome

# INVESTIGATION PROFILE



# COMPLETE BLOOD COUNT

Parameter	14/03/24	30/11/24	12/12/24
Haemoglobin	6.8 g/dl	6.0 g/dl	9.1 g/dl
MCV	47.9 fl	48.9 fl	56.5 fl
MCH	12.9 pg	13.4 pg	17.6 pg
MCHC	27.0 g/dl	27.4 g/dl	29.2 g/dl
ESR	65 mm in 1 <sup>st</sup> hour	98 mm in 1 <sup>st</sup> hour	55 mm in 1 <sup>st</sup> hour
WBC	6920 /cmm	8220 /cmm	8900 /cmm
Neutrophils	72 %	82 %	78 %
Platelet	543000 /cmm	535000 /cmm	431000 /cmm

# PERIPHERAL BLOOD FILM (30/11/24)

- RBC : Microcytic hypochromic with target, pencil , tear drop cell and few schistocytes
- WBC : Normal
- Platelets : Increased

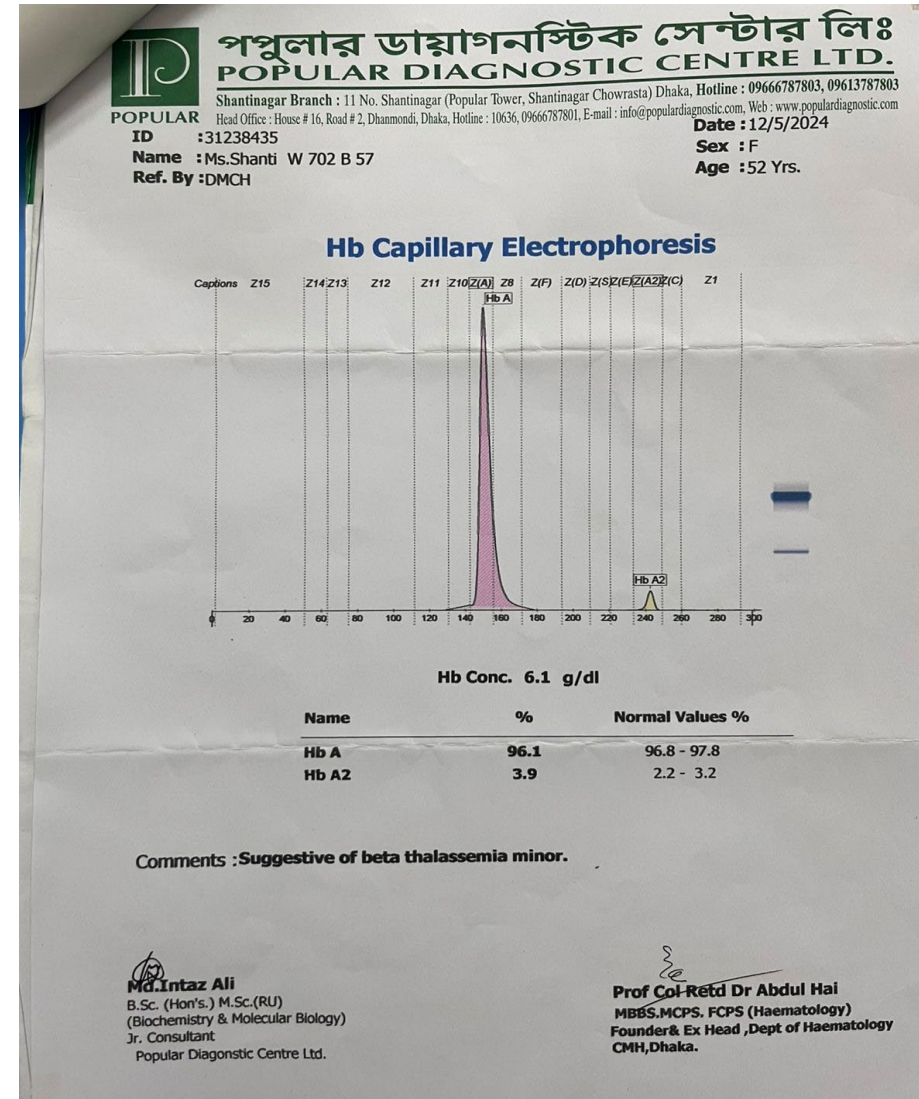
Comment : Suggestive of microcytic hypochromic anaemia with thrombocytosis

# IRON PROFILE

Parameter	04/12/24	Normal value
S. Iron	78.80	37.0-170.0 µg/dL
TIBC	330.0	274-494.0 µg/dL
Tsat	23%	
Ferritin	9.45	15-120 ng/mL

# HB. ELECTROPHORESIS (05/12/24)

Comment : **Beta Thalassemia**  
minor



# BIOCHEMISTRY

Parameter	07/12/24	Normal value
Na+	143	135-145 mmol/L
K+	4.1	3.5-5.5 mmol/L
Cl-	103	97-107 mmol/L
S. Creatinine	1.29	0.6-1.40 mg/dl
S. Albumin	3.1	3.40-5.00 g/dl
NT-proBNP	1282.40	<125.0 pg/mL

# BIOCHEMISTRY

Parameter	06/12/24	Normal value
RF	48.3	<15.9 IU/ml
ACPA	>200	<5 U/ml
CRP	47.5	Upto 3.0 mg/L
ANA	Not detected	
Anti dsDNA	2.83	<30 U/mL

# BIOCHEMISTRY

Parameter	01/12/24	Normal value
S. TSH	2.05	0.35-5.50 $\mu$ IU/ml
FT4	1.61	0.89-1.7 ng/dl
RBS	5.25	<7.8 mmol/L
SGPT	22	<40.0 U/L
HBsAg	Negative	Negative

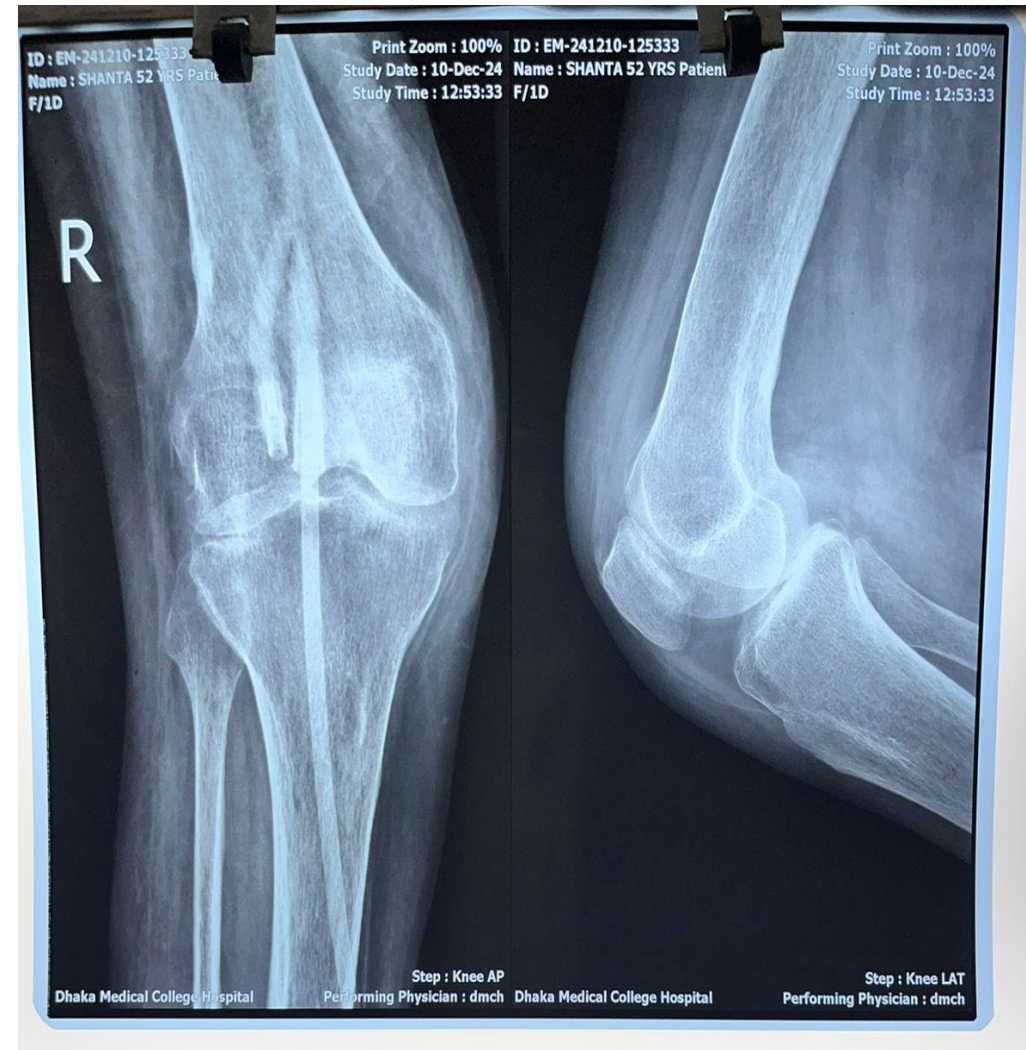
# URINE R/E

Parameter	30/11/24	04/12/24
Protein	Trace	Nil
Glucose	Nil	Nil
Pus cell	0-2 /HPF	2-4 /HPF
RBC	Nil	Nil

- **24 hours UTP: 0.15 g**

# X-RAY OF RIGHT KNEE JOINT (11/12/24)

Comment: Features of Rheumatoid Arthritis of right knee



# X-RAY OF HAND (13/12/24)

Comment: Features consistent with Rheumatoid arthritis of right hand



# X-RAY OF RIGHT FOOT (13/12/24)

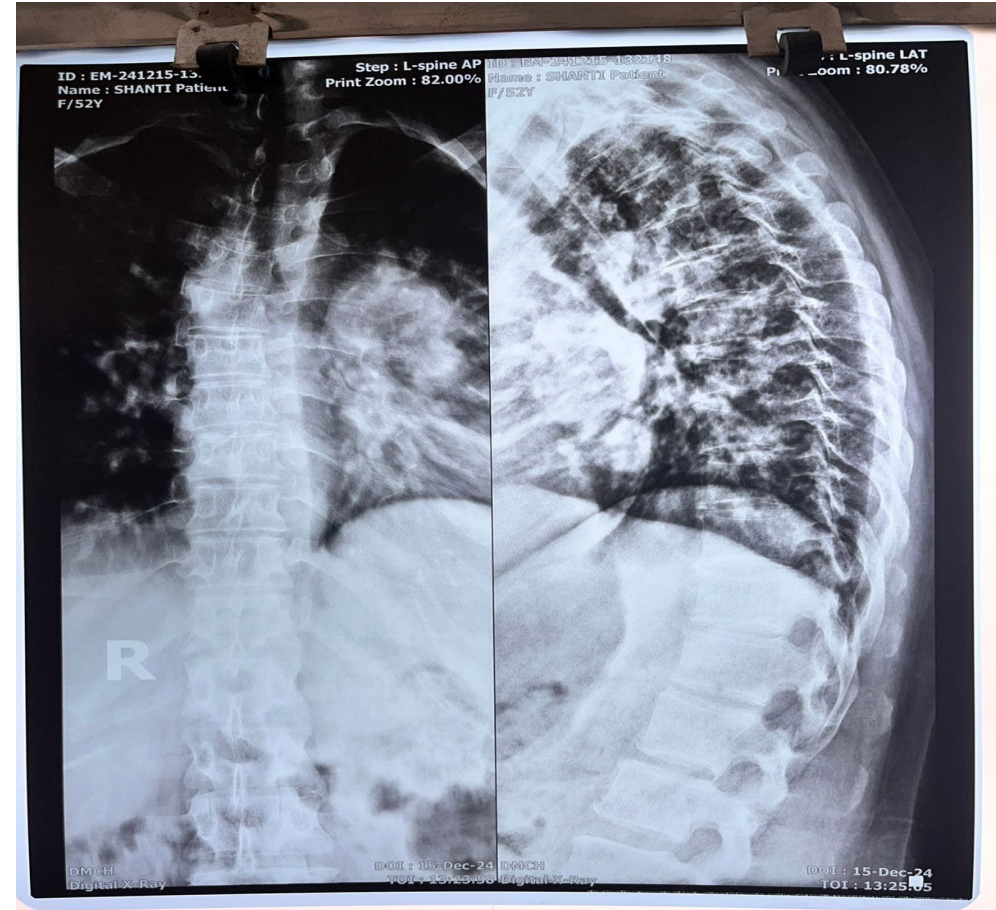
Comment : Features consistent with Rheumatoid arthritis of right foot



# X-RAY OF DORSOLUMBAR SPINE (15/12/24)

Comment :

- Scoliosis
- Degenerative change in dorsal spine



# CHEST X-RAY P/A VIEW (05/12/24)

Comment:

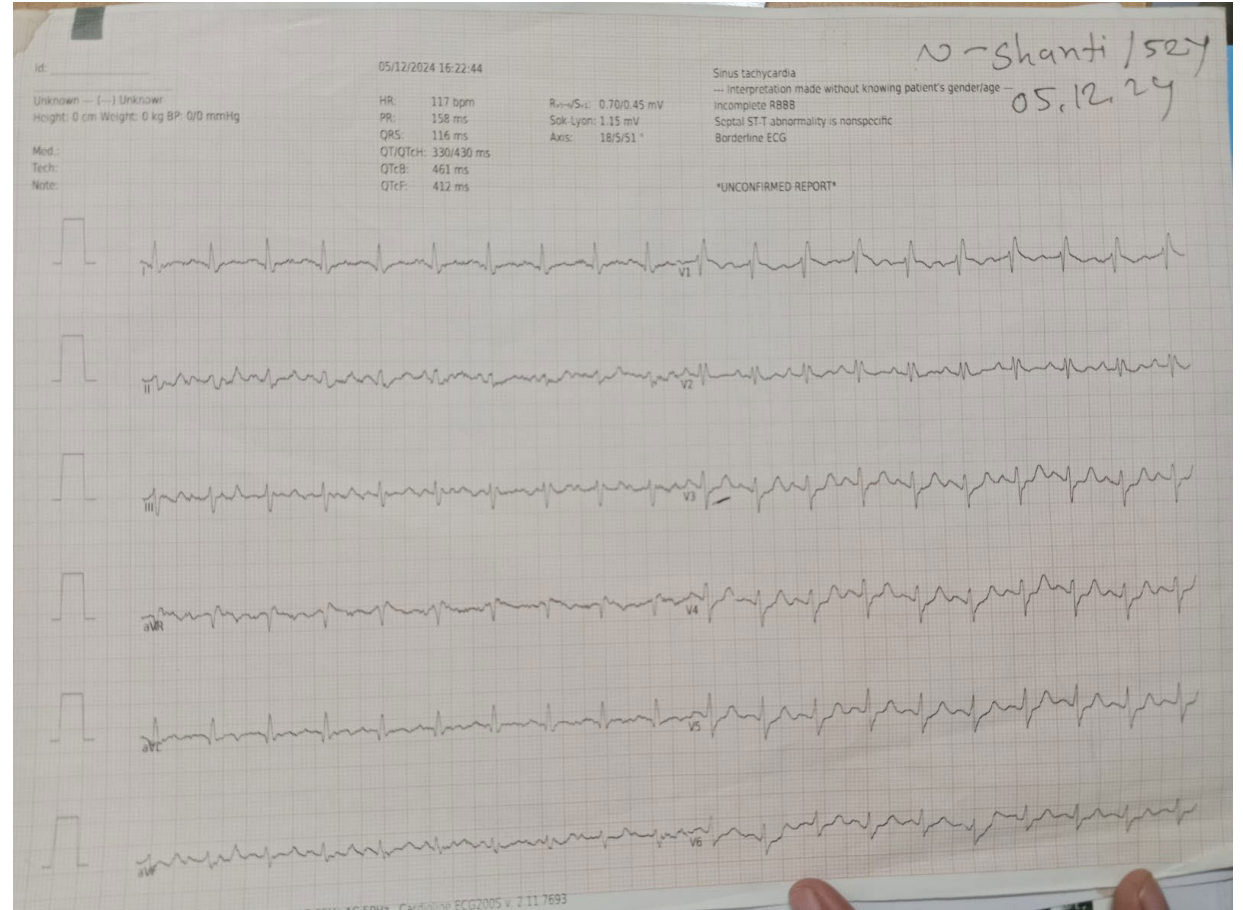
- Cardiomegaly with pulmonary arterial hypertension
- Scoliosis



# ELECTROCARDIOGRAM (05/12/24)

Comment :

- Sinus tachycardia
- Incomplete RBBB



# ECHOCARDIOGRAM (08/12/24)

## Comment:

- Good biventricular function with EF-62%
- Moderate TR
- PASP – 48 mm of Hg

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ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY REPORT  
 2D & M-mode  Color Doppler

Date: 08/12/24

Patient ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Patient's Name: Mrs. Shanti Begum Age: 52 Sex: F

Measurements: (2D & M-mode)

IVSd	6 mm	Ao	24 mm	RVIDd	mm	LVRWT	
LVPWd	6 mm	LA	42 mm	RVFWT	mm	LVMl	g/m <sup>2</sup>
LVIDd	46 mm	ACS	15 mm	PA	mm	AV Ring	mm
LVIDs	31 mm	LA/Ao		TAPSE	mm	MV Ring	mm
LVEF	62 %	EPSS	mm	RVEF	%	MV Area	cm <sup>2</sup>

LV: Cavity } N  
Wall thickness } N  
Wall motion } N

LA: - Dilated IAS: } intact  
RA: - Dilated }  
RV: - Dilated IAS: }  
PA: - N  
MV: Moderate MR

AV: | N  
PV: | N

Pericardium: NO PG  
Thrombus/Vegetation: absent

TV: Moderate TR

Color Flow & Doppler Study:

MV	m/sec	PPG:	mm Hg	MR Grade	MVA:	cm <sup>2</sup>	E/A Ratio:
AV	m/sec	PPG:	mm Hg	AR Grade	PASP:	mm Hg	S/D Ratio:
PV	m/sec	PPG:	mm Hg	PR Grade	PADP:	mm Hg	E/e Ratio:
TV	m/sec	PPG:	mm Hg	TR Grade	Dec T:	msec	IVRT: msec

Others:

Impression: = NO RWMA at rest  
= Good Biventricular Function (EF-62%)  
= Moderate TR (PASP - 48 mm of Hg)

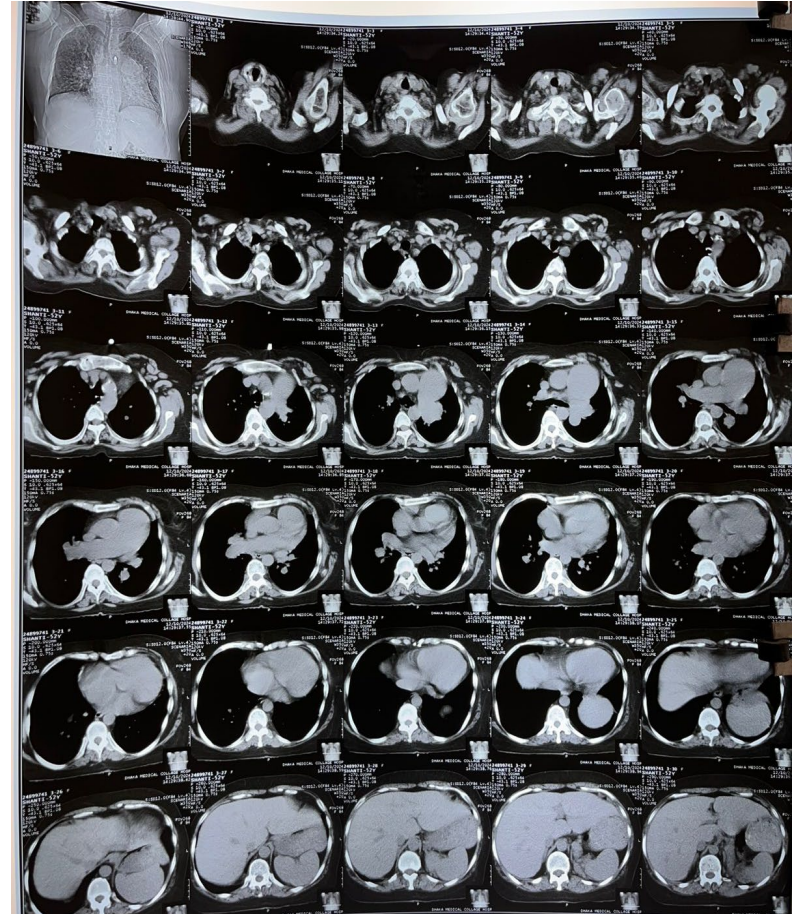
Actvs: chest CT scan

# CT SCAN OF CHEST (10/12/24)



# CT SCAN OF CHEST (10/12/24)

Comment : Cardiomegaly with  
dilated pulmonary vessels  
(more dilated pulmonary trunk)



# ORTHOPANTOMOGRAM (15/12/24)

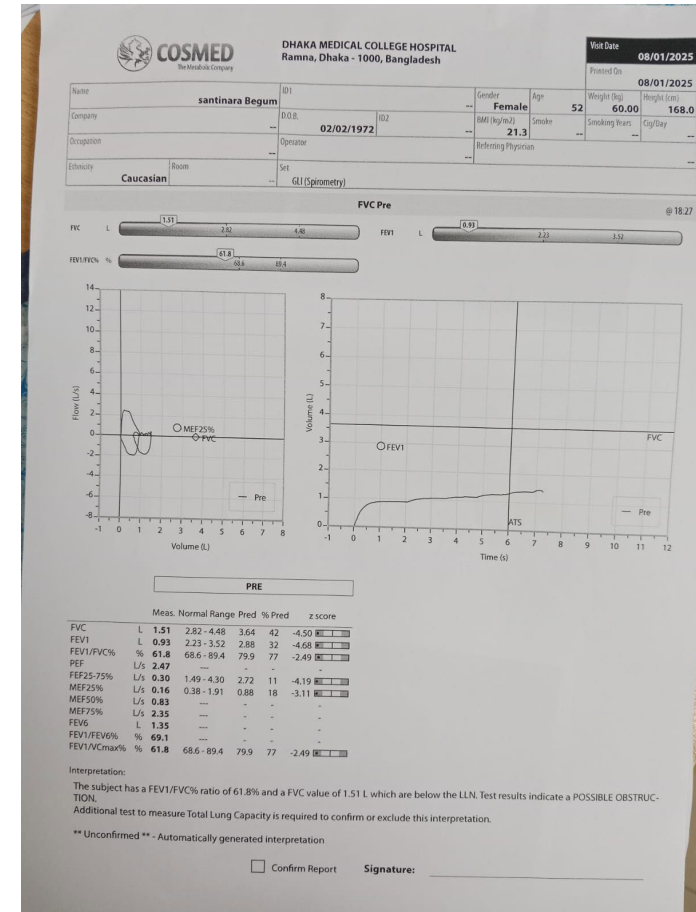
Comment : Short ramal height  
& width and reduced height of  
body of mandible in the left  
side



# SPIROMETRY (08/01/25)

- FEV1/FVC ratio 61.8%
- FEV1 value 0.9 L
- FVC value 1.5 L

Comment: Possible obstruction



# USG OF WHOLE ABDOMEN (17/12/24)

Comment:

Normal finding

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**USG REPORT**

PATIENT NAME :	Shanti	AGE :	52 YRS
SEX :	F	REG DATE :	17.12.2024
REFD. BY :	DMCH		

THANK YOU FOR REFERRING THE PATIENT

**USG OF WHOLE ABDOMEN**

**Liver** : Liver is normal in size. Parenchymal echogenicity appears homogeneous. Parenchymal echogenicity is not increased. No focal lesion is seen. Portal vein caliber and hepatic veins channels are within normal limit.

**Gall bladder** : Gall bladder is normal in size, shape with normal wall thickness. Lumen is clear.

**Biliary channels** : Intra & extrahepatic biliary trees are not dilated. CBD is normal in caliber.

**Pancreas** : Normal in size, shape in outline with uniform echotexture. MPD is not dilated.

**Spleen** : Normal in size with uniform echotexture. No focal lesion is seen.

**Kidneys** : Normal in size, shape and position. Cortical echogenicity is normal. Cortico-medullary differentiation is maintained in both kidneys. Pelvicalyceal systems are not dilated on both kidneys. No calculus seen. *Empty. LF kidney is not visualized.*

**Urinary bladder** : ~~Well filled~~ Wall thickness is within normal limit and regular in outline. No intravesical lesion is noted.

**Prostate/Uterus** : *Due to empty UB, lower abdominal organs could not be evaluated properly.*

*Comment: As per description.*

*Adv: ct scan of whole abdomen.*

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# UPPER GI ENDOSCOPY (14/12/24)


Comment:

Normal findings

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o.	N/A	Visit Date	14 December, 2024
ame	Shanti	Age / Sex	52 / Male
	N/A	Instrument	Olympus CV-170
	N/A	Bed	OPD

### ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURE REPORT



Procedure : UPPER GI Endoscopy  
Indication : *Chromosomal Abnormalities*  
Anaemia U/E  
Medication : N/A

**FINDINGS :**

- **Esophagus:-**  
The mucosa, vascular pattern, lumen and peristalsis appeared normal. Both upper and lower esophageal sphincters appeared normal.
- **Stomach:-**  
The mucosa of the cardia, fundus, body and antrum appeared normal.
- **Duodenum:-**  
The bulb and post-bulbar area up to second part appeared normal.
- **Biopsy:-** Not taken.

**COMMENTS :** Normal Upper G.I.T. at Endoscopy.

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# DUPLEX STUDY OF BOTH LOWER LIMBS (11/01/25)

- Veins- Normal in caliber, compressible and flow
- Arteries- Normal finding
- Subcutaneous tissues are mildly edematous and swollen on both foot

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USG REPORT

GI-Free

PATIENT NAME :	Shanb	AGE :	52 YRS
SEX :	F	REFD. BY :	DMCH
		REG DATE :	11.01.25

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Duplex study of both lower limb :

- \* Veins : Major deep & superficial veins of both lower limbs are normal in calibre, compressible & show normal flow.
- \* Arteries : Common femoral, superficial femoral, popliteal, ant. tibial, post. tibial & arteria dorsalis pedis are examined in both lower limbs, which shows normal spectral pattern.
- \* subcutaneous tissues are mildly swollen & edematous on both foot.

Comment : As per description.

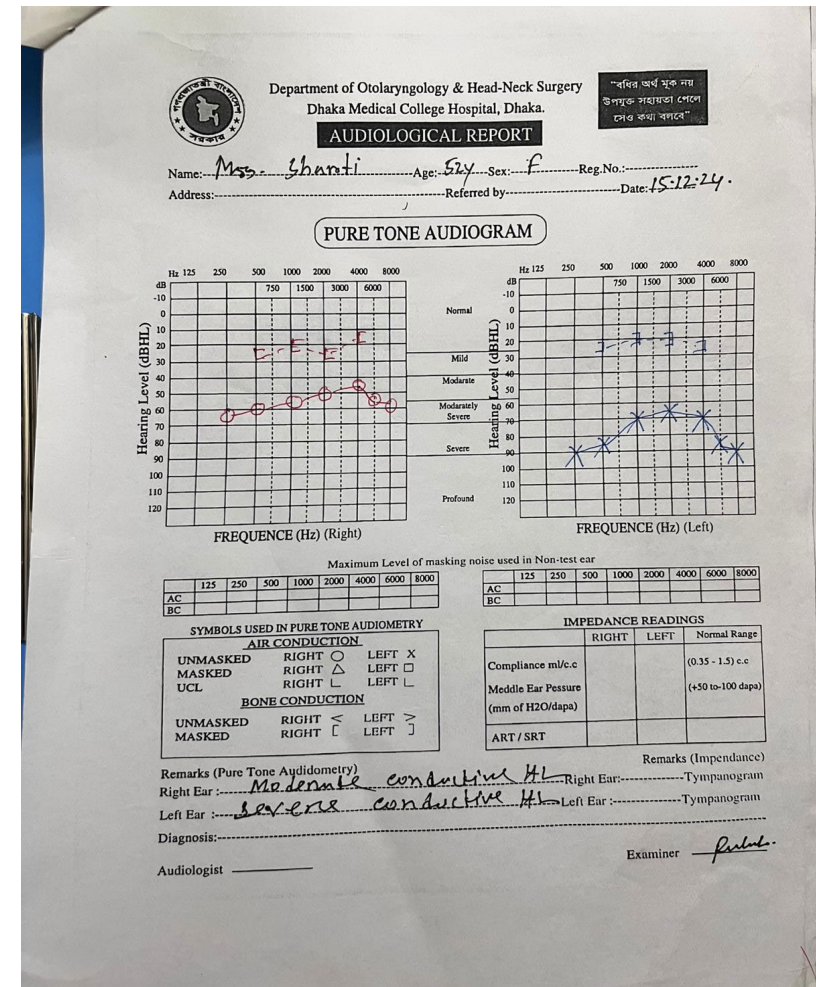
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# PTA AND SRT (15/12/24)

Right ear- Moderate conductive  
hearing loss

Left ear- Severe conductive  
hearing loss

SRT: Absent





# FINAL DIAGNOSIS

Rheumatoid Arthritis with Heart failure with preserved ejection fraction with Pulmonary hypertension with Goldenhar Syndrome with Beta Thalassemia Minor

# TREATMENT GIVEN

- Methotrexate
- Folic acid
- Prednisolone
- NSAIDs
- Furosemide

# Goldenhar Syndrome

Goldenhar syndrome is a syndrome of complex structures developing from first and second branchial arches during blastogenesis. The etiology of this rare disease is not fully understood, as it has shown itself variable genetically and of unclear causes. The disorder is characterized by a wide spectrum of symptoms and physical features that may vary greatly in range and severity from case to case.

## Goldenhar Syndrome: A rare case report

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**Abstract** Goldenhar Syndrome or oculoauriculovertebral spectrum is a complex syndrome characterized by an association of maxillo-mandibular hypoplasia, deformity of the ear, ocular dermoid and vertebral anomalies and the most severe form of hemifacial microsomia. Here, we describe a 26-year-old male patient with unilateral hemifacial microsomia, preauricular ear tags, macrosomia on the right side of the face.

**Key Words:** Hemifacial microsomia, ocular dermoid, preauricular ear tags

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**INTRODUCTION**

In 1881, the first observation of oculo-auriculo-vertebral (OAV) dysplasia was reported by Von Arlt<sup>[1]</sup> and in 1952, Dr. Maurice Goldenhar, a renowned Swiss ophthalmologist classified the clinical features and named the malformation complex as Goldenhar Syndrome and described it as a congenital defect characterized by constellation of malformations classically involving the face, eyes and ears.<sup>[2]</sup>

In 1960, Gorlin and Pindborg noted that the disorder varied from mild to severe and the facial involvement occurred unilaterally as well as bilaterally. In 1963, Gorlin *et al.* suggested the use of the term oculoauriculovertebral dysplasia to describe the syndrome characterized by epibulbar dermoids, auricular appendages, blind-ended auricular fistulas and vertebral anomalies.<sup>[3]</sup> They considered this syndrome to be a variant of this complex.

It is otherwise known as oculoauriculovertebral syndrome, hemifacial microsomia, first arch syndrome, first and second branchial arch syndrome, Goldenhar–Gorlin Syndrome,

lateral facial dysplasia, unilateral craniofacial microsomia, otomandibular dysostosis, unilateral intrauterine facial necrosis and auriculo-branchiogenic dysplasia. Facio-auricular dysplasias represent a single disorder with great variability of expression and an isolated ear malformation may represent the mildest expression of the disorder.<sup>[4]</sup>

Abnormalities are unilateral in 85% of cases and bilateral in 10–33% of the cases and the right side is more frequently affected.<sup>[5]</sup> The incidence of Goldenhar Syndrome has been reported to be varying from 1:3500 to 1:5600 live births and it is present in 1:1000 children with congenital deafness with a male to female ratio of 3:2.<sup>[6]</sup> The disease is seen as sporadic and its etiology is not fully understood; however, positive family histories have been reported suggesting autosomal dominant or recessive inheritance. Some researchers have suggested that multifactorial inheritance are caused by the interaction of many genes, possibly in combination with environmental factors.<sup>[7]</sup>

Patients with Goldenhar Syndrome may exhibit a wide range of anomalies as described in Table 1.<sup>[8-22]</sup>

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**Table 1: Anomalies associated with Goldenhar Syndrome**

Dentofacial abnormalities	Unilateral facial hypoplasia Facial bones Prominent forehead <sup>[9]</sup> Hypoplasia of the zygomatic area Maxillar and mandibular hypoplasia <sup>[9]</sup> Mouth Lateral facial cleft (unilateral macrostomia) <sup>[9]</sup> Facial paresis <sup>[9]</sup> Intraoral findings Cleft lip, cleft palate, tongue cleft, unilateral tongue hypoplasia <sup>[10]</sup> Gingival Hypertrophy <sup>[9,10]</sup> Aplasia of parotid gland <sup>[9]</sup> Preauricular skin tags, fistulas and nodes <sup>[9]</sup> Preauricular dimples to imperforated external acoustic meatus, deafness <sup>[11]</sup> Posteriorly angulated ears <sup>[9,10]</sup> Pretragal anotia <sup>[9]</sup> Bilateral preauricular pits <sup>[9]</sup> Other external ear malformations - dysplasias and asymmetries Aplasias and atresias of the external meatus Middle and internal ear anomalies <sup>[9]</sup> Epibulbar dermoid (unilateral/bilateral) <sup>[13,14]</sup> Hypertelorism, ptosis <sup>[14,15]</sup> Small eye with notched upper lid, <sup>[16]</sup> short palpebral fissures, hypoplasia of supraorbital ridges <sup>[11,13]</sup> Prominent eyes with cloudy corneas <sup>[16]</sup> Juvenile glaucoma <sup>[16]</sup> Bilateral epicanthal folds <sup>[16]</sup> Lipodermoid (mostly bilateral) <sup>[17]</sup> Colobomas of the upper eyelid iris, choroidea and retina <sup>[18,19]</sup> Other eye anomalies Antimongoloid palpebral fissures Anophthalmia Cataract Blepharophimosis <sup>[20]</sup>
Salivary glands	
Ear	Atlas occipitalization Synostosis, hemivertebrae Fused vertebrae, Kyphoscoliosis Bifid spine <sup>[24]</sup> Butterfly vertebrae <sup>[11]</sup> Equinovarus deformity <sup>[9]</sup> Missing ribs Clinodactyly of the 5 <sup>th</sup> fingers Short stubby fingers with ulnar deviation, hypoplastic distal phalanges. Club feet with prominent heel <sup>[9]</sup> Rib anomalies and anomalies of the extremities Congenital heart disease (ventricular septal defect, atrial septal defect, pulmonary stenosis) <sup>[26]</sup> Growth retardation, marked hair on body, <sup>[11]</sup> torticollis, <sup>[21]</sup> upturned nose, <sup>[22]</sup> flat nasal bridge with broad nasal root, <sup>[18]</sup> deep creases on the feet <sup>[11]</sup> Severe respiratory distress due to upper respiratory tract infection, tracheoesophageal fistulas <sup>[10,13]</sup> Urogenital and gastrointestinal system: ectopic kidneys <sup>[29]</sup> Uretropevic junction obstruction, imperforate anus Central nervous system occipital encephalocele <sup>[27]</sup> Anomalies of the larynx and lungs tracheoesophageal fistula esophageal atresia Retardation of mental development <sup>[28]</sup>
Eye	
Vertebral column anomalies	
Other systemic abnormalities	

**CASE REPORT**

A 25-year-old male patient reported to the Department of Oral Medicine and Radiology with the chief complaint of malalignment of teeth since childhood. History revealed that the patient had difficulty in hearing from the left ear since childhood.

On extra-oral examination, a transverse cleft was present in right angle of mouth, with preauricular tissue tags and incompetent

lips. Bilateral asymmetry of face and macrostomia was present and inter-incisal distance was 43 mm. On intraoral examination, 16 and 47 were missing with spacing between 11 12 13 14 42 43 44, proclined 11 12 13 43, cross bite in relation to 24 34, increased overjet and high arched palate [Figures 1-5].

Correlating the history and clinical findings a provisional diagnosis of hemifacial microsomia was given. Differential diagnosis of Goldenhar Syndrome was considered but could be difficult because of the variety of clinical signs. Collins and



**Figure 1:** Lateral profile view of the patient showing preauricular skin tags, nodes and unilateral macrosomia



**Figure 3:** Front view demonstrating unilateral macrosomia, hypoplasia of the zygomatic area

Wildervanck Syndrome (*Syndroma cervicooculoacusticum*) must also be distinguished. Goldenhar Syndrome can be classified as a variant of hemifacial microsomia, OAV spectrum, or OAV Dysplasia by some authors.<sup>[20]</sup>

Other craniofacial anomalies such as Treachers Collin's Syndrome, mandibulofacial dysostosis,<sup>[23]</sup> Miller Syndrome, a very rare genetic condition, often referred to as "postaxial acrofacial dysostosis" must also be ruled out. These disorders are characterized by distinctive craniofacial malformations that occur in association with limb abnormalities.<sup>[24]</sup>

Investigations were done where OPG revealed reduction in size of body of mandible, condyles, coronoid process and ramus on the right side. The border of the mandible was well defined and intact. The trabecular pattern and the course of mandibular canal were normal with normal surrounding structures. PA view of skull was taken to rule out any developmental anomaly. It revealed reduction in size of body of mandible, condyles,



**Figure 2:** Orthopantomogram showing underdeveloped mandible on the right side



**Figure 4:** Medial aspect of eye demonstrating epibulbar dermoid

coronoid process and ramus on the right side of mandible with normal surrounding structures. Lateral cephalogram was taken which revealed proclined maxillary incisors with increased overjet. Impedance Audiometry revealed hearing sensitivity of right ear to be in normal range whereas severe loss of hearing was noted in left ear. Consultation with the Ophthalmologist was done, who suggested normal eye morphology with no abnormality. Ultrasonography of abdomen was done which revealed no abnormality.

Correlating the history, clinical findings and investigative findings a final diagnosis of Goldenhar Syndrome was given.

The patient was then referred to the Department of Orthodontics for his orthodontic treatment, where orthodontic brackets were fixed on his maxillary teeth with nickel-titanium wire [Figure 6].

### DISCUSSION

Most of the patients reported within the OAV spectrum, a term proposed by Gorlin et al. (1990), are sporadic.<sup>[31]</sup> As similar to previously reported cases, our patient had marked right facial hypoplasia with the chin slightly deviated to the affected side.



**Figure 5:** Intra-oral view showing high-arched palate



**Figure 6:** Patient started with orthodontic alignment

The association of epibulbar dermoids, preauricular fistulae, abnormalities of skin appendages and ocular malformations as a specific entity involving the first and second branchial arches was recognized by Goldenhar.<sup>[2]</sup> Pretragal fistulae, epibulbar dermoids and accessory auricular appendages are triad of Goldenhar Syndrome. The diagnosis is further substantiated if vertebral anomalies are present in addition to the triad. The diagnosis becomes more difficult if additional symptoms are present.

Cranial nerve involvement has been considered part of the OAV spectrum and the facial nerve involvement is cited most commonly.<sup>[25]</sup> Congenital ophthalmoplegia associated with Goldenhar Syndrome was reported in only one instance, concerning two patients with paralysis of one or more extraocular eye movements on neurologic examination. A third patient presented with unilateral agenesis of trochlear and abducens nerves and corresponding brain stem nuclei demonstrated at autopsy.<sup>[26]</sup> Brain stem involvement detected by magnetic resonance imaging in patients with Goldenhar Syndrome has been also reported; however, the stem lesions are very severe, resulting in a poor general prognosis.<sup>[27]</sup>

Some other etiologic factors include maternal vasoactive medication use (especially in conjunction with smoking) in the first 10 weeks of gestation, primidone, retinoic acid and thalidomide embryopathy and maternal (preexisting or gestational) diabetic embryopathy.<sup>[28]</sup>

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> month of embryonic development, aberrant fusion of the lateral portions of the maxillary and mandibular swellings results in macrostomia, usually associated with skin tags and pits between the corner of the mouth and the tragus.<sup>[29]</sup>

The prevalence of Goldenhar Syndrome in Indian population is very low. A study was taken up to understand the prevalence

of this syndrome in children below the age of 14 years with hearing loss. Out of 1073 children, this syndrome was observed only in 1 (0.09%) case.<sup>[30]</sup>

The effect of Goldenhar Syndrome is more evident as the child grows, because of delays in the growth and the development of the affected areas. The lack of development of the jaws can cause breathing problems, as well as dental malocclusion which requires multidisciplinary approach.<sup>[5]</sup> Timing of the reconstruction plays an important role in the treatment. Primary reconstruction typically consists of a cleft repair, corrections of colobomas and ear deformities and removal of dermoids and preauricular tags.<sup>[31]</sup> The complex treatment is focused not only on dental care, articulation and hearing but also on the prevention and treatment of the psychosocial aspects of the malformation. Treatment requires constant follow-up and reassessment of the results.<sup>[23]</sup>

The study of this condition is still controversial because the symptoms and the physical features may vary greatly in range and severity from case to case.

### Declaration of patient consent

The authors certify that they have obtained all appropriate patient consent forms. In the form the patient(s) has/have given his/her/their consent for his/her/their images and other clinical information to be reported in the journal. The patients understand that their names and initials will not be published and due efforts will be made to conceal their identity, but anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

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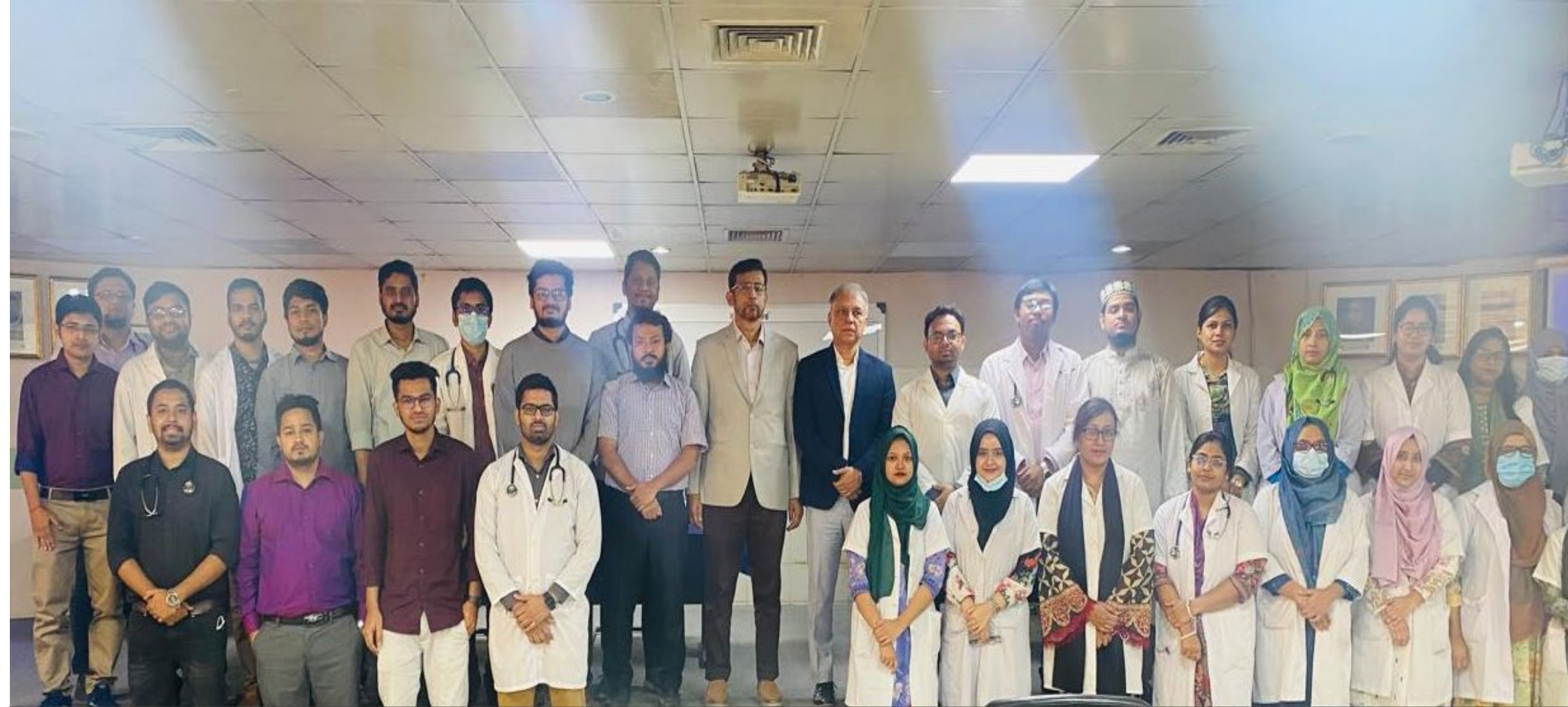
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# WHAT HAVE WE FOUND IN OUR PATIENT ?

- Unilateral facial hypoplasia
- Microstomia
- Pre and post auricular skin tags with external ear malformation
- Hypoplasia of left supraorbital ridge
- Scoliosis

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