



# Ichthyosiform Sarcoidosis with Thrombocytopenia in a Child

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## Introduction

Sarcoidosis chronic granulomatous multi-system disease

- Pulmonary
- Ocular
- Cardiac
- Neurological
- Cutaneous
- Musculoskeletal
- Gastrointestinal
- Renal
- Hematological

### ↳ Ichthyosiform lesions

Rare  
Specific  
95% systemic association  
No reports in children

### ↳ Thrombocytopenia

Extremely uncommon  
<100 cases reported

## Discussion

Cutaneous involvement :25-30% cases. Many specific manifestations:

- Lupus pernio
- Infiltrated plaques
- Macular
- Papular
- Ichthyosiform
- Subcutaneous nodules
- Hypopigmented patches
- Alopecia
- Verrucous lesions

- Precedes systemic involvement
- Prognosis unaffected

Thrombocytopenia in sarcoidosis: 3 mechanisms hypothesized

- Hypersplenism
- Granulomas in bone marrow
- Auto-immune thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP).
  - Occur after onset of systemic disease
  - More common in dark-skinned patients
  - Poorer prognosis

Systemic corticosteroids ± IVIg: first-line treatment in systemic sarcoidosis, with significant response as seen in our case.

- Ichthyotic lesions improved significantly: unlike previous reported cases
- Hematologic : gradual and modest improvement, similar to previous reports

## Conclusion

- All cases of acquired ichthyosis should be seriously evaluated
- Extensive systemic evaluation of all cases of ichthyosiform sarcoidosis is warranted

## Case Report

### Clinical

11 year-old boy presented with generalised cutaneous atrophy and hyperpigmented scaling over the face, trunk and distal extremities for last 6 months



Recurrent high-grade fever with arthralgia, myalgia, thrombocytopenia x 2 years

Generalised lymphadenopathy  
Hepatosplenomegaly  
Panuveitis

No response to ATT

### Laboratory Investigations

- CBC: Hb: 9.6g/dL, Platelet: 42,000/ $\mu$ L
- ACE : 316 IU/L (8-52)
- Mantoux test- Negative
- LN biopsy: granulomatous lymphadenitis
- BM biopsy: normal
- CECT Chest, Abdomen: ground glass opacification, septal thickening, cardiomegally, hepatosplenomegaly, lymphadenopathy
- PET-CT: diffuse sytemic uptake, periarticular uptake

### Treatment

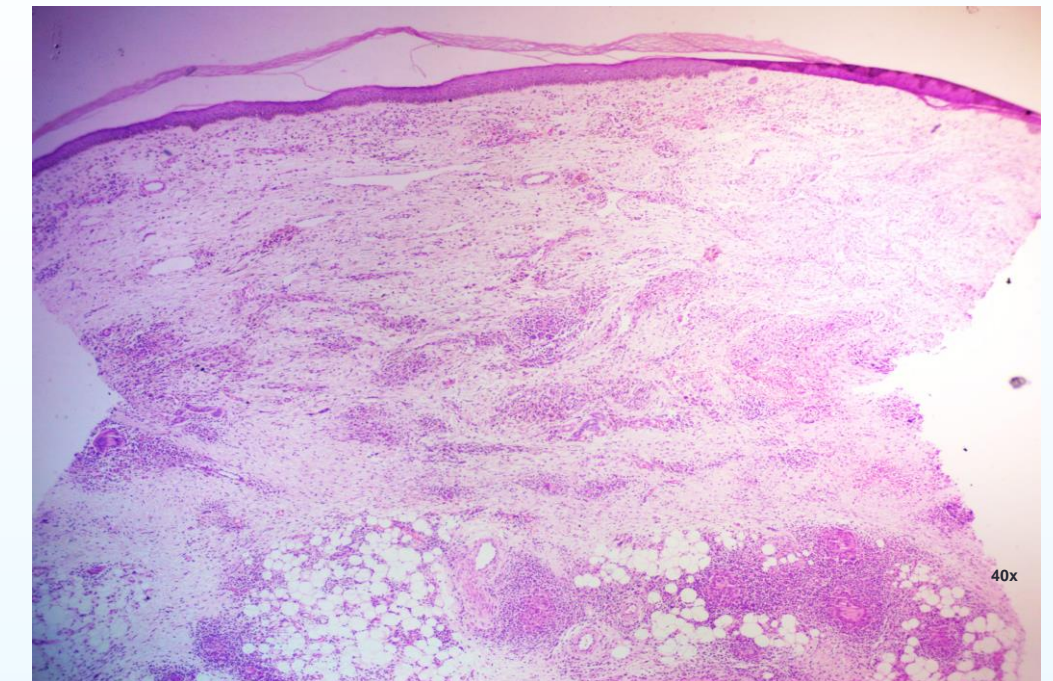
Oral prednisolone 1mg/kg, with IVIg 2g/kg



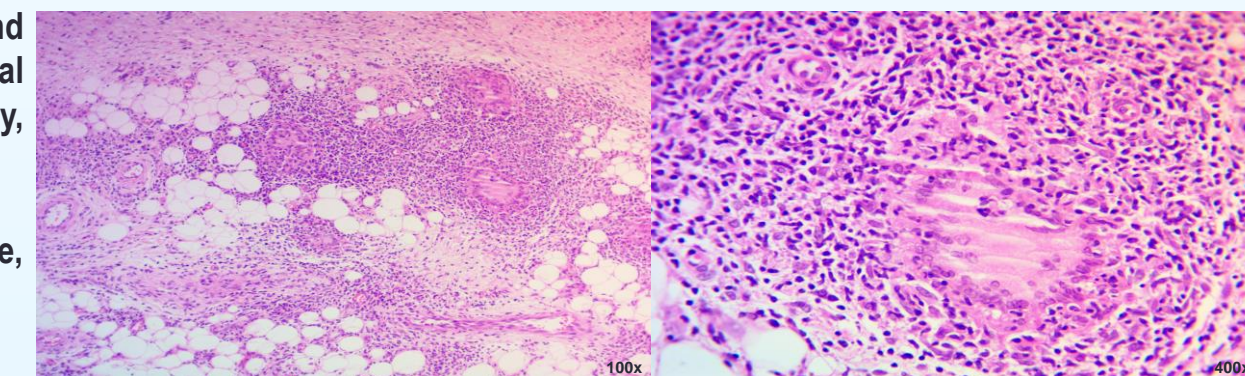
Post-treatment  
At 4 months

### Histopathology

Skin biopsy from ichthyotic region over leg



Atrophic epidermis and multiple granulomas in the lower dermis and subcutis



Epithelioid-cell granulomas with giant cells (Langhans and foreign body type) with lymphocytic cuff

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