**Case report:**

**Alkaptonuric arthropathy: a rare entity**

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**Abstract**

Alkaptonuria is a metabolic disorder of tyrosine and phenylalanine metabolism in which there is absence of homogentisic acid oxidase whose deficiency leads to excessive accumulation of homogentisic acid in urine resulting in black color of urine on standing.[1] The disease is usually diagnosed in adults but a few cases in childhood have also been noted because of black discolouration of their diapers. Homogentisic acid accumulates in cells and body fluids and its oxidized polymers binds to the collagen which leads to progressive deposition of grey to bliuish black pigment results in degenerative changes in the cartilage, intervertebral discs and the connective tissues leading to arthritis.