

AUTHOR'S REPLY

Dear Sir,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the author for the interest in and comments⁽¹⁾ on our article. Meier-Gorlin syndrome indeed has many features that overlap with those of our patient. However severe pre- and postnatal growth retardation, a significant component of Meier-Gorlin syndrome,^(2,3) was absent in our case. Lung changes that have been described in Meier-Gorlin syndrome are respiratory distress in neonates and emphysema,⁽⁴⁾ whereas our patient had lung hypoplasia.

As a genetic study could not be performed in our patient, we diagnosed the case based on the classification proposed by Beighton et al.⁽⁵⁾ A mutation analysis will be helpful to determine a suitable classification in cases where there are overlapping clinical features.

Yours sincerely,

Parthapratim Pradhan

78-B Harish Chatterjee Street

Bhowanipur

Kolkata 700025

India

Email: parthapratimpradhan@gmail.com

REFERENCES

1. Thomas A. Comment on: Lung hypoplasia and patellar agenesis in Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. *Singapore Med J* 2011; 52:768.
2. Cohen A, Mulas R, Seri M, et al. Meier-Gorlin syndrome (ear-patella-short stature syndrome) in an Italian patient: clinical evaluation and analysis of possible candidate genes. *Am J Med Genet* 2002; 107:48-51.
3. Bongers EM, Opitz JM, Fryer A, et al. Meier-Gorlin syndrome: report of eight additional cases and review. *Am J Med Genet* 2001; 102:115-24.
4. Meier-Gorlin syndrome. In: Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center [online]. Available at: www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?cmd=Retrieve&db=omim&dopt=Synopsis∓tmpl=dispomimTemplate&list_uids=224690.
5. Beighton P, De Paepe A, Steinmann B, Tsipouras P, Wenstrup RJ. Ehlers-Danlos syndromes: revised nosology, Villefranche, 1997. Ehlers-Danlos National Foundation (USA) and Ehlers-Danlos Support Group (UK). *Am J Med Genet* 1998; 77:31-7.