



A Rare Case of Hallermann-Streiff Syndrome

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Clinical Image

Hallermann-Streiff syndrome is a rare disorder characterized by peculiar craniofacial malformations, hypotrichosis, dental defects, ocular abnormalities, atrophic skin changes and proportionate short stature. The syndrome is known to occur sporadically as a result of a genetic mutation.

Salient craniofacial features include a broad and short head (brachycephaly) with a prominent forehead (dyscephaly); small underdeveloped lower jaw (micrognathia); a narrow, highly arched palate and a thin, tapering nose giving appearance of bird like facies (Figure 1). Ocular abnormalities include congenital cataracts or corneal stromal opacities; unusually small eyes (microphthalmia); glaucoma, retinal detachments. Dental defects may include delayed tooth eruption, enamel hypoplasia, hypodontia, and improper alignment of teeth.

The diagnosis may be confirmed by a detailed patient history, clinical evaluation and radiographic, ophthalmologic, and dental studies that may help to detect the associated disorder. The treatment is directed toward the specific symptoms that are apparent requiring the concerted efforts of pediatricians, craniofacial surgeons and ophthalmologists.

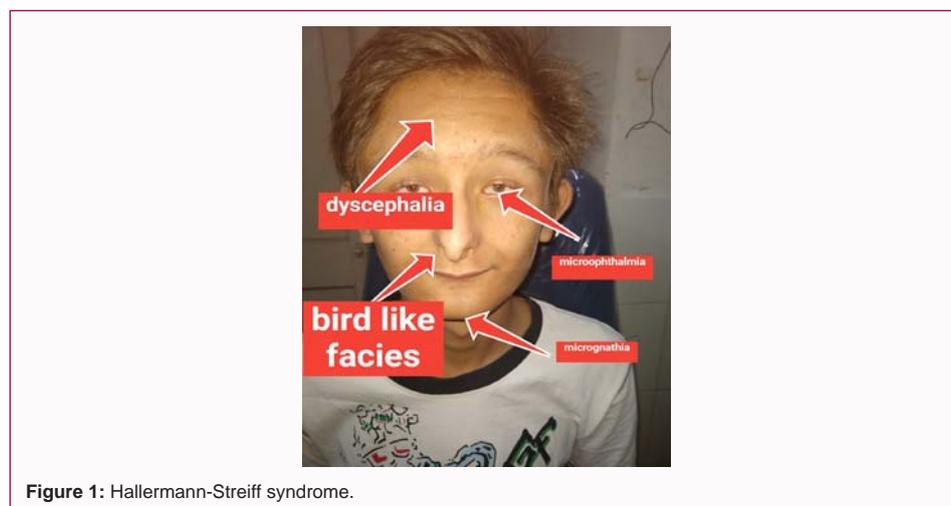


Figure 1: Hallermann-Streiff syndrome.

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