



**Fig. 1 – Thoracic X-ray with Chilaiditi syndrome.**

The Chilaiditi sign consists of the interposition of one part of the colon between the liver and the diaphragm and in the presence of symptoms is called Chilaiditi syndrome.<sup>4</sup> The most common symptoms of all are abdominal pain, vomiting, and constipation though cases of perforation, volvulus or intestinal obstruction have also been reported. Usually the clinical features resolve with conservative therapy and if there are any complications, the surgery may be necessary, some times even colectomy or laparoscopic colonopexy.<sup>4,5</sup>

Both the Chilaiditi sign and syndrome are rare yet more common in males. Other factors associated with a higher frequency are mental retardation and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, all of them factors present this case.

We think that both Chilaiditi syndrome and sclerosing peritonitis contributed to the clinical manifestation of intestinal sub-occlusion in our patient.

Entities like the pneumoperitoneum have X-ray expressions that are similar to Chilaiditi syndrome (Fig. 1), and this is the reason why in patients on peritoneal dialysis the diagnosis may go unnoticed easily. Performing an abdominal

CT scan may be helpful in cases like this.<sup>5,6</sup>

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## Segmental tuberous sclerosis in a patient with chronic kidney disease<sup>☆</sup>

### Esclerosis tuberosa segmentaria en un paciente con enfermedad renal crónica

Dear Editor,

33-year-old woman presented with fatigue and renal failure. On physical examination, the patient had multiple non-

traumatic periungual fibromas in both hands and feet (Fig. 1a). Shagreen patch was seen in the right lumbosacral region (Fig. 1b). On admission biochemical tests revealed; urea: 132 mg/dl, creatinine:4.7 mg/dl, potassium: 4.7 mmol/L, GFR 12 ml/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup> (MDRD), pH 7.32, HCO<sub>3</sub>: 18.4. Renal ultrasonography revealed bilateral renal cysts (17 and 5 mm at right

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**Fig. 1 – (A) Ungual fibroma. (B) Shagreen patch. (C) Shagreen patch. Biopsy specimen; collagen bundles in the dermis arranged in a haphazard manner (HEX40).**

kidney, 6 and 10 mm at left kidney) with normal size and parenchymal thickness. Histopathology of the Shagreen patch revealed dense collagen bundles in the dermis arranged in a haphazard manner (HEX40) (Fig. 1c). Due to these skin lesions and renal cysts the patient was diagnosed as TS (two major + 1 minor components). She denied any seizures in her past medical history. Renal biopsy was suggested but she did not accept the procedure yet and medical treatment was given. During the outpatient follow up creatinine level progressed up to 10 mg/dl. Due to low GFR and uremic symptoms hemodialysis was started and arteriovenous fistula was created.

TS complex is a multisystem, rare and genetic disorder of autosomal dominant inheritance which can involve different organs. It is caused by damage to the TSC1 (9q34) or TSC2 (16p13) genes coding respectively for hamartin and tuberin. Skin involvement is the commonest presentation of the disease. Recognizing specific dermatologic lesions, especially hypomelanotic macules (>3), Shagreen patch, forehead plaque, non-traumatic periungual fibromas, adenoma sebaceum, facial angiofibromas should remind the physicians TS. Renal involvement has the leading importance for mortality and morbidity. Kidneys are involved in almost 50–80% of the patients. The most frequent renal lesions in TS are angiomyolipomas and renal cysts. Bilateral and multiple characteristics of angiomyolipomas are primary radiological clues for suspicion and diagnosis. However in some rare cases these patients may present without frank renal lesions. These

patients with renal involvement may also present with end stage renal disease in adult ages. TS is accepted as a glomerulocystic disease. They may occur in every part of the nephron. Renal cystic disease can also be microcystic, undetectable by imaging studies. The limited or obscure manifestations of TS with renal failure can be detected in nephrology practice.

### Conflict of interest

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