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A Rare Case of Idiopathic Petrified Ear or Calcified Pinna

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Abstract

Calcification or ossification of the auricular cartilage, also known as “petrified ears”, was first described by Bochdalek in 1866. In our article, a seventy-two years-old male was evaluated for stiffed left ear over few years. No obvious cause was demonstrated on laboratory tests. Calcification or ossification of the left external auricular cartilage was demonstrated on non-contrast temporal bone Computed Tomography (CT) scan and therefore a rare case of idiopathic petrified left ear was diagnosed.

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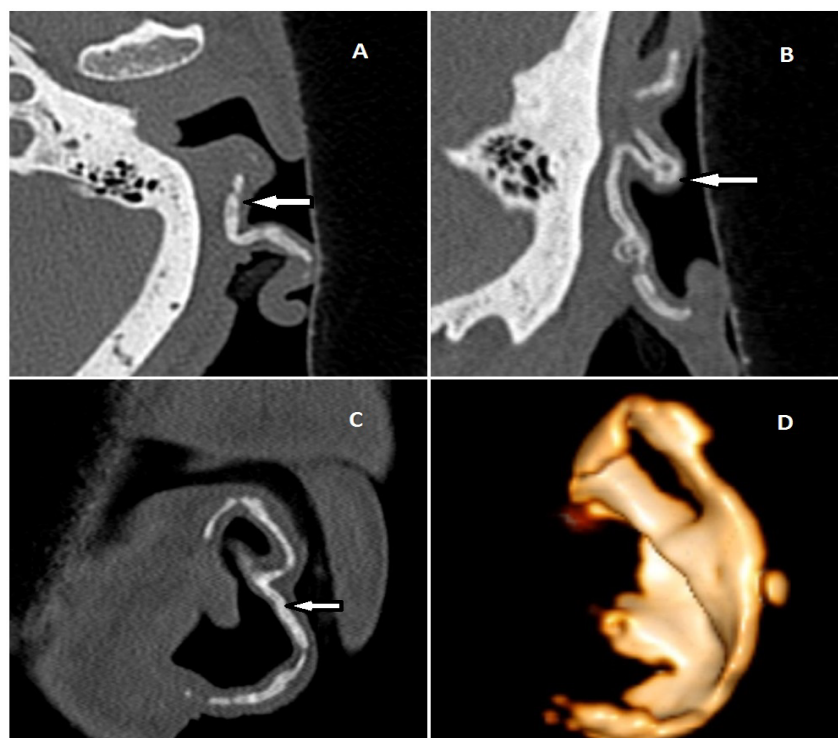


Figure 1: (A) Axial; (B) Sagittal and; (C) Coronal reformed images on non-contrast temporal bone Computed Tomography (CT) scan demonstrated calcification or ossification of the left external auricular cartilage. Volume rendered technique; (D) Reveals three dimensional images of calcified auricular cartilage.

testings including complete metabolic panels, S. calcium, S. phosphorus, parathyroid hormone, uric acid, s. vitamin D and thyroid function tests were within the normal range.

Calcification or ossification of the left external auricular cartilage was demonstrated on non-contrast tem-

poral bone Computed Tomography (CT) scan ([Figure 1A-Axial](#), [Figure 1B-Sagittal](#), [Figure 1C-Coronal](#) image). Volume Rendered Technique (VRT) shows three dimensional images of calcified auricular cartilage ([Figure 1D](#)). Based on above clinical and radiographic findings, a rare diagnosis of idiopathic petrified left ear was made.