

Letter to Editor

**Vitiligo Ponctue :
An Unusual Clinical
Presentation**

Sir,

Vitiligo is a specific, common, often heritable, acquired pigmentary disorder. The classification system is important because of the special significance assigned by some authorities to each type of vitiligo. The most widely used classification of vitiligo subtypes are localized (focal, unilateral/segmental and mucosal), generalized (vitiligo vulgaris, acrofacial and mixed) and universal (complete or near

complete depigmentation).^[1] We hereby report a case of vitiligo ponctue, a very rare and unusual clinical presentation of vitiligo.

A 15 year old male patient presented with asymptomatic depigmented tiny macules over right side of the chest of 6 months duration. History suggestive of vitiligo in other family members was present. On examination, multiple, confetti-like, discrete depigmented macules seen localized over right side of the chest on normal skin (Fig-1,2). Histological findings were consistent with that of vitiligo, showing uniform reduction in melanocytes and

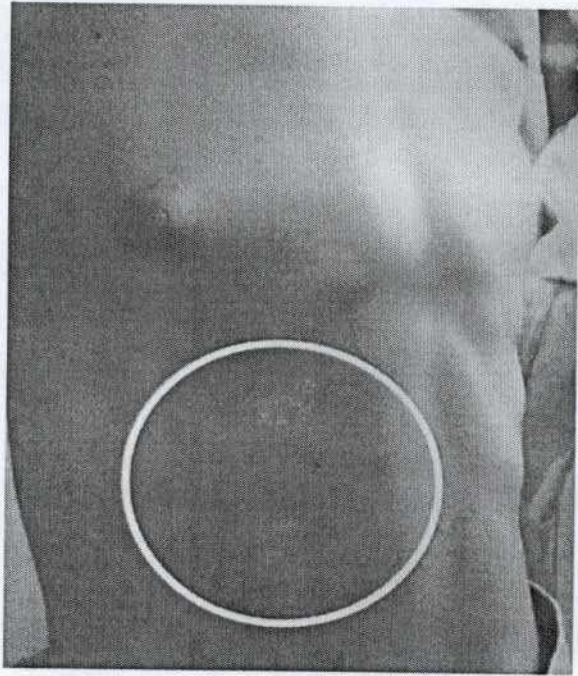


Figure 1: Confetti-like depigmented macules seen over right side of the chest

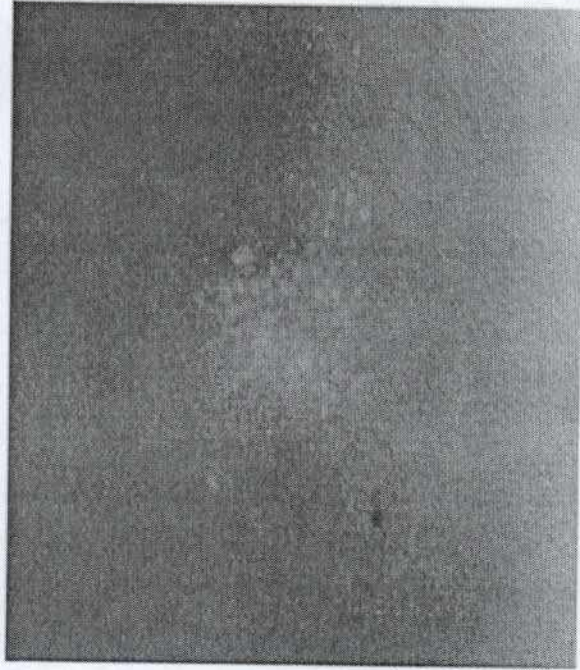


Figure 2: Enlarged view of confetti depigmented macules

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melanin pigment at dermoepidermal junction. Systemic examination was normal and not associated with any other auto-immune disorders.

Confetti-sized (2-4mm) macules, which are typically white in colour may occur randomly over the integument or may be located in the perifollicular skin.^[2,3] Vitiligo ponctue

which is rare and unusual clinical presentation of vitiligo is characterized by small confetti or tiny, discrete, hypomelanotic macules occurring either on otherwise normal skin or on a hyperpigmented macule^[1,4]. Vitiligo has various clinical presentations. Understanding these characteristics can give us valuable information in differentiating vitiligo from other hypopigmentary disorders, in treating vitiligo with the proper methods and in predicting the prognosis of vitiligo to some extent.

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