



## Review Article

# Rare tuberous sclerosis Case with Typical Presentation of Classical Triad in Adult, JLN MCH, Bhagalpur

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## Abstract

**Aim:** To study rare tuberous sclerosis with typical presentation.

**Methods & Objectives:** Detail study case of genetic disorder tuberous sclerosis with Clinical features & radiological findings.

**Discussion:** We came across tuberous sclerosis with its typical triad of epilepsy, optimal mental status & adenoma sebaceum in our medicine department, JLN MCH, Bhagalpur.

**Conclusion:** Tuberous Sclerosis though rarely present with a typical triad is commonly seen in children's but it can be present with such classical features in adults too.

**Keywords:** Tuberous sclerosis.

## Background

Tuberous sclerosis complex (TSC) is a genetic disorder affecting cellular differentiation, proliferation, and migration early in development, resulting in a variety of hamartomatous lesions affecting vital organs. Mostly all affected people have skin abnormalities, including patches of unusually light-colored skin, areas of raised and thickened skin, and growths under the nails. Tumors on the face called facial angiofibromas are also common beginning in childhood.

Mutations in the *tsc1* or *tsc2* gene can cause tuberous sclerosis complex.

The *tsc1* and *tsc2* genes provide instructions for making the proteins hamartin and tuberin, respectively. Within cells, these two proteins likely work together to help regulate cell growth and size. The proteins act as tumor suppressors, which normally prevent cells from growing and dividing too fast or in an uncontrolled way. Tuberous sclerosis complex has an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance

## Case Details

18 yrs old male patient XXX brought by his father YYY residing at Itwa, Banka in JLN MCH, Bhagalpur with

c/o:- convulsions since two days 3-4 times /day;  
unconsciousness since 1 day

No H/O Trauma, Vomiting, Fever & Weakness of limbs,

H/O Present Illness

Pt was apparently alright 2days back then he suffered repeated convulsion attacks for two days followed by unconsciousness & got admitted by father in JLNMCH, Bhagalpur & becomes conscious after two days of treatment.

H/O Past Illness:

Pt is a k/c/o epilepsy since 6 years and on antiepileptic drugs since 4 years. even though he is on medications he suffered convulsions intermittently once or twice in a month.

He is not a k/c/o DM, HTN, TB.

He is not schooling since childhood but active and having good intelligence but as age progresses he looks slightly dull and having lower intelligence than other siblings in family.

He suffered from a rash on face six years back which was gradually increase in size for 2 years & remains of same size till day, not associated with fever, papular type, butterfly shaped over malar prominence area& also on chin.

Hypo pigmented patch over upper back appears first f/b similar patch on lower back.

Also some granular skin coloured patch in lower back which appears first before convulsions

Family H/O

No similar problems in family.

Pt having one brother and two sisters not suffering from any such problems.

Neither any paternal nor any maternal relatives are affected from similar problems.

Drug /Allergic H/O: Not significant

### General Examination

Pt is conscious, cooperative & well oriented to time, place, person.

Afebrile; P: 74 beats/min, regular, equal in volume on both sides, no radio-radial or radio-femoral delay, peripheral pulses are palpable.

B.P:120/70 mmhg in supine position on right arm.

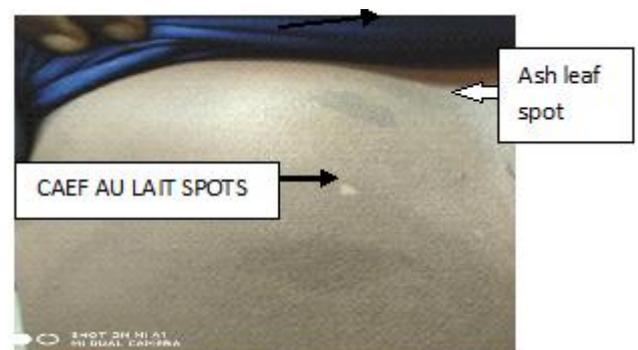
RR: 18 cycles /min.

NO Pallor, cyanosis, clubbing, icterus, oedema, lymphadenopathy.

### Local Examination

**Skin/Face: Facial Angiofibroma/Adenoma Sebaceous**

Rash on face since six years which was gradually increase in size for 2 years & remains of same size till day, not associated with fever, papular type, butterfly shaped over malar prominence area& chin



**Shagreen Patch & Ash Leaf Spot**



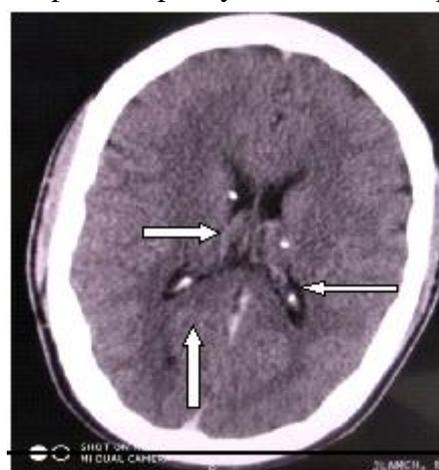
**Multiple Angiofibromas of Skin**



**CT Scan Brain: Plainct Scan Brain: Contrast**

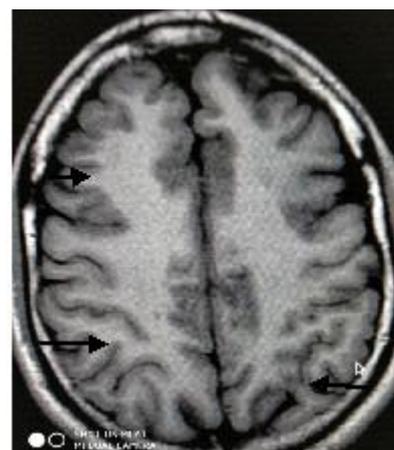


Multiple subependymal Calcified Spot



Multiple Calcific Focus Noted In Periventricular Region

**MRI Brain**



**Cortical Tubers**

**MMSE Score**

Total Score: 23/30

[Impression: **Mild Cognition Impairment**]

Mild: 19-23 Points

Moderate: 10-18 Points

Severe:  $\leq 9$

**Intelligent Quotient**

$IQ = \text{mental age} / \text{chronological age} \times 100$

$IQ = 12 / 18 \times 100$

=66.66

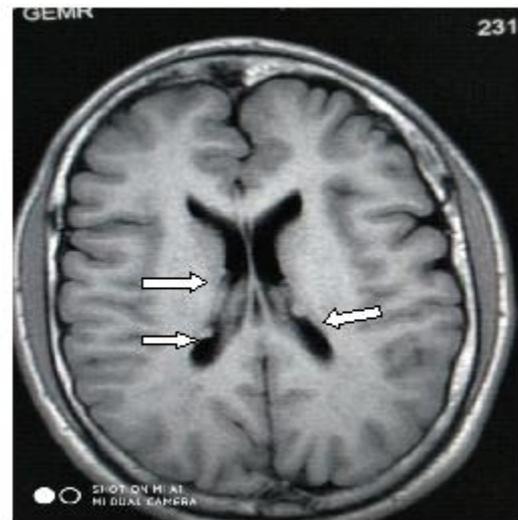
**Comment:** Moderate Mental Retardation

**Management**

Echocardiography (ecg): normal; chest xray: normal; ultrasound w/a: normal; usg chest: normal  
lectroencephalography (eeg): seizure disorder



Cortical Tubers



Subependymal Nodules



Cerebellar Tubers



Cerebellar Tubers

**Findings**

Subependymal nodule along both lateral ventricles, showing hyperintense signal on T1W & hypointense signal on T2W/FLAIR and subtle enhancement on post GAD images.

Focal areas of altered signal in bilateral cerebral hemisphere, predominantly in bilateral frontal & left postero-temporal lobe in cortical /subcortical region, showing hyperintense signal on T2W/FLAIR with no evidence of restriction on DWI or blooming on GRE images.

Impression: CEMRI brain reveals subependymal nodules along both lateral ventricles with cortical/subcortical tubers in bilateral cerebral hemisphere----suggestive of TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS

**Treatment**

Antiepileptic drugs are given to control convulsions and symptomatically treated.

**Conclusion**

- Characteristic vogt’s triad of TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS consisting of epilepsy, low intelligence & adenoma sebaceum (EPILOIA) is present in this patient.
- Skin manifestations like Hypomelanotic macules ("ash leaf spots"), which are white or lighter patches of skin caused by a lack of skin pigment or melanin-the substance that gives skin its color.

- Reddish spots or bumps called *facial angiofibromas* (also called *adenoma sebaceum*), which appear on the face (sometimes resembling acne) and consist of blood vessels and fibrous tissue.
  - Areas of thick leathery, pebbly skin called shagreen patch.
  - *Cortical tubers & subependymal nodules (SEN)* signifies tuberous sclerosis complex on MRI
  - Multiple Subependymal calcified spots noted in periventricular area on CT SCAN
  - Other organs are within normal limit & not associated with tumors
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