

## Post-varicella Necrotising Fasciitis

Sir,

The report on 'necrotising fasciitis (NF)' is very interesting.<sup>[1]</sup> Xavier *et al.* mentioned that 'NF should be suspected in post-varicella cellulitis, not responding to adequate antibiotic therapy'<sup>[1]</sup> and also concluded that 'Laboratory Risk Indicator for Necrotising Fasciitis score aids in early diagnosis, where imaging studies are pending'.<sup>[1]</sup> Indeed, the varicella is not an uncommon viral infection. This infection is seen worldwide. The risk factors for post-varicella NF are an interesting topic. As noted by Lim and Huntley, 'although rare, musculoskeletal sequelae (osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, pyomyositis and NF) can occur in otherwise healthy children'.<sup>[2]</sup> This varicella complication should be well monitored in all cases. Sometimes, the other deadly concomitant complications such as respiratory tract problem can also be seen.<sup>[3]</sup> Finally, although varicella vaccine is available, the infection in case receiving vaccination is possible<sup>[4]</sup> and this can be the most difficult case to diagnose if the post-varicella NF occurs.

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