## New paediatric case, Sep 2023

- C/P: Fever of unknown origin, arthalagia and Rash.
- DDx: Post strep infection Erythema Nodosum, Serum sickness, IBD, rule out Malignancy

## GI:

While it is rare to present with an extraintestinal manifestation alone it has been reported in the literature. However elevated fecal calprotectin is not diagnostic for IBD but suggests ongoing gut inflammation but may also reflect a part of his ongoing systemic inflammation.

## Physical Exam

Gen: no acute distress, looks sad, lying in bed HEENT:, no ulcers or vesicles, anicteric sclera. No neck stiffness. Posterior lymphadenopathy small 1.5 cm on the L Chest: normal breath sounds bilaterally, no crackles, no wheezes

CV: S1S2 heard without murmur.

Abd: Soft, lax, mild tenderness over evolving redness in the periumbilical area to palpation, no anal fissures or ulcers on external exam

Skin: Multiple large painful/tender nodules that are erythematous some with central discoloration coalescing blanchable, over extremities and abdomen/back and buttocks. Sparing palm, one isolated nodule on heel.

## Lab Results

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MRSA (Nares) Positive
wbc 10.6 > 7.5 (21/08) > 13
Hgb 10.6 > 11.2 > 9.6
MCV 81
Plt 504 > 317 > 414
ESR 61 > 48 > 47 > 53 > 47
Retic 25.9, retic % 0.6
CMP acceptable
G6PD normal
LDH 258
CK 37
CRP 142 > 291.9 > 269.5
Calprotectin 86 (high) > 354
Ferritin 784 > 764
ANCA/ANA neg
C3 2
C4 0.6
ASO 726 > 953
Quantiferon TB gold: neg
brucella, CMV, EBV, Measles, Parvovirus, Rubella: neg
urine, blood, throat cx: neg
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Skin biopsy (HGH): Erythema nodosum

Stool Calprotectin: 86 --> 356

Bone marrow aspirate and biopsy:
 Comment

The overall bone marrow findings are nonspecific at this time. No morphologic features of a hematopoietic malignancy or metastatic neoplasm are identified in the above bone marrow specimen. This does not exclude the possibility of bone marrow involvement at another site, and correlation with the imaging findings is needed to exclude a sampling error.







