



PAEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY

## A TALE OF TELOMERASE

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Dyskeratosis congenita is a rare form of ectodermal dysplasia consisting of reticular skin pigmentation, nail dystrophy, oral leukoplakia, often associated with bone marrow failure and other systemic involvement. It is a genetically heterogeneous disease with telomerase dysfunction. There have been around 200 cases reported in the world affecting males more commonly than females. We report a case of a 10 year old male child born out of non-consanguineous marriage with few hypopigmented macules on the feet and hyperpigmentation of dorsum of the hand, nail dystrophy and oral leukoplakia with pancytopenia.

