



Editor's Column

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Despite the high disease burden of tuberculosis (TB) in Hong Kong, there is limited local data available on paediatric tuberculosis, partly related to the diagnostic difficulty with its paucibacillary nature of disease, as well as the relatively atypical clinical presentation as compared to tuberculosis in adults. Dr TK Tsui conducted a retrospective study on paediatric pulmonary tuberculosis in two local hospitals. Clinical presentations and laboratory results between younger children and adolescents were evaluated. The use of CT thorax in the diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis was also reviewed.

On the other hand, Dr KK Siu reported an interesting case of a 34-month-old girl who suffered from staphylococcal scaled skin syndrome (SSSS) after a trivial injury with minor laceration of right finger and lip. Staphylococcal scaled skin syndrome is a life-threatening toxin-mediated condition, and the importance of high index of suspicion for making prompt diagnosis and initiating appropriate management was highlighted.

Do take the challenge from the X-ray quiz by Dr YK Law.