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A Rare Type of Mixed Postaxial Polydactyly in a 12 Years Old Child

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We report the case of a 12 years old child with bilateral and symmetric postaxial polydactyly involving both hands and both feet. Clinical images show a well-formed supernumerary finger with a nail on the ulnar border of each hand, as well as an extra toe on the fibular border of each foot. Radiography demonstrates that the accessory fingers and toes share a common metacarpal or metatarsal with the fifth ray, without individual osseous duplication of these long bones. Thus, the supernumerary finger articulates with the head of the

fifth metacarpal, and the supernumerary toe articulates with the head of the fifth metatarsal. No other skeletal anomalies or associated malformation syndromes are identified. These images illustrate a rare form of mixed (hands and feet) postaxial polydactyly with common metacarpals and metatarsals, type IV according to the Wassel classification and type II according to the Telling and Turek classification, highlighting the value of imaging to characterize the anatomy before any surgical excision.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

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