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First Report of Kala-azar from Qeshm Island in Persian Gulf

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Abstract:

Visceral Leishmaniasis (VL) is a sever disease that is prevalent in Iran. We report a case of VL in a 3.5 year-old boy. Prolonged fever, chill, abdominal distention, and weight loss were important symptoms. Blood count showed pancytopenia and hypohemoglobinemia. Specific anti-leishmanial antibodies were detected by serological test (IFAT, DAT) but no Leishman body was observed in bone marrow. However, a 145 bp band of KDNA belong to *L. infantum* was detected by PCR method. Glucantime was administered and treatment was well tolerated. This is the first report of VL from Qeshm Island in Persian Gulf.

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