



# Lange's cornelia syndrome: About two cases

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## Case I

M, N a 3-year-old M boy, term born in hospital, the third of 3 siblings, from a consanguineous marriage, admitted for dysmorphic syndrome with mental retardation. The clinical examination showed severe failure to thrive (-4DS), facial dysmorphic included hirsutism, prominent and sloping forehead, dental abnormalities, retrognathism, well-defined, arched and confluent eyebrows, long eyelashes, ant everted nostrils associated with generalized hypotonia without involvement of the extremities (Figure 1).

Cerebral MRI revealed a delay in myelination of the peri-ventricular white matter, ophthalmologic examination, Otorhinology, skeletal X-ray, trans-thoracic ultrasound and abdominopelvic ultrasound are normal.

Hormonal exploration (TSH, 17 OHP, 8 h cortisol) as well as the phosphocalcic balance without abnormalities, the karyotype is normal: 46 XX.

The diagnosis of Cornelia de Lange is retained in our patient due to the association of the typical dysmorphic syndrome with a failure to thrive.

## Case II

K, J is a 14 month old male infant, from a non-consanguineous marriage, the youngest of three siblings, without similar cases in the family, birth weight and height were unspecified. Having as antecedents: Neonatal suffering, retardation of psychomotor development, repeated respiratory infections on gastroesophageal reflux disease. The onset was six months old when the parents noticed that the head was missing.

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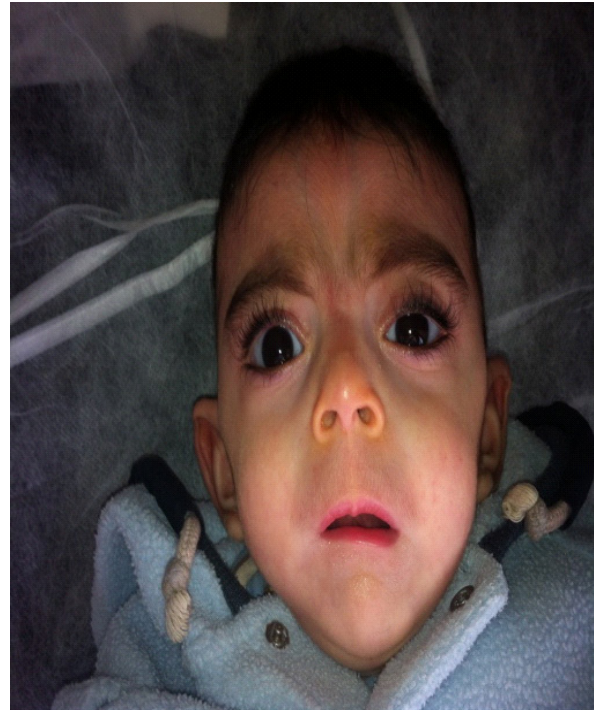


Clinical examination found mucocutaneous paleness, failure to thrive (weight and height less than minus 4 SD). The facial dysmorphism included hirsutism, prominent and sloping forehead, dental abnormalities, retrognathism, well defined, arched and flowing eyebrows (synophrys), long eyelashes, anteverted nostrils. He also had a funnel-shaped chest deformity, without limb abnormalities. Neurological examination revealed hypotonia (Figure 2).

The malformation work-up included ophthalmologic, otorhinologic, brain MRI, abdominal ultrasound, echocardiography, and skeletal x-rays were all normal.



**Figure 1:** Characteristic aspect of Cornelia de Lange syndrome in patient M.N.



**Figure 2:** Characteristic aspect of Cornelia de Lange syndrome in patient K.J.