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TAKAYASU ARTERITIS IN A GIRL WITH ERYTHROKERATODERMIA VARIABILIS

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Takayasu arteritis is an uncommon chronic inflammatory arteriopathy affecting mainly the aorta and its branches. A number of cutaneous manifestation has been reported in association with this disease. Skin lesions may precede Takayasu arteritis for years. A 14 year old Polish girl with type III Takayasu arteritis is reported. The involvement of abdominal aorta, celiac trunk, superior mesenteric artery and right renal artery was diagnosed and the treatment was monitored by color Doppler sonography. The girl had suffered from severe skin problems since the first year of life. The diagnosis of erythrokeratodermia variabilis was established and confirmed by skin biopsy when she was 9. To our knowledge coexistence of this two rare entities - Takayasu arteritis and erthrokeratodermia variabilis - has not been previously reported.