

Hallerman Streiff syndrome is another condition that needs to be differentiated from the Rubinstein-Taybi's syndrome. In the former, major diagnostic features are proportional dwarfism with a characteristic facial appearance like a thin beaked nose, small mouth, bilateral micro-ophthalmia, congenital cataracts, dental abnormalities, atrophied skin and hypotrichosis. The head appears to be often enlarged in proportion to the small face and there will be no digital abnormalities. The ileal flare and narrow acetabular angle, thought of being specific to Down's syndrome, were seen in this case and in the report of Coffin (1964) two out of six cases had an ileal flare.

Summary

A case of Rubinstein Taybi's syndrome with classical features is

presented. The major diagnostic features are mental retardation with broad thumbs and toes and a characteristic facial appearance consisting of a narrow beaked nose and microcrania with a prominent narrow forehead. The literature is briefly reviewed.

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Addendum

In the September, 1970 issue of the *Journal*, under the heading "Books Reviewed" it should have been stated

that the book entitled "Clinical Paediatric Surgery" By Jones was published by *John Wright & Sons Ltd.*, Bristol.