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 5 **Poncet's disease: An unusual presentation of tuberculosis in a diabetic patient**

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 9 **Abstract**

10 Authors describe a 53-year-old woman who presented to our diabetes clinic with a three week history of multiple painful and
 11 swollen joints. She had been diagnosed with type II diabetes 5 years back. On examination, both knee joints and left ankle were
 12 swollen. A soft tissue swelling appeared over the medial end of clavicle few days later. Rheumatoid arthritis, collagen vascular
 13 diseases and other common causes of polyarthritis were ruled out by appropriate investigations. Non steroidal anti-inflammatory
 14 drugs failed to give satisfactory pain relief. Nevertheless, the arthritis persisted. Conventional Cultures of synovial fluid samples
 15 including cultures for tuberculosis were negative. Computed tomography showed a space occupying lesion involving the left
 16 sternoclavicular joint. Fine needle aspiration from the lesion performed and acid-fast bacilli were demonstrated in the smear using
 17 Ziehl-Neelsen stain. The plausible explanation of her arthritis would therefore be tuberculous arthritis in sternoclavicular joint and
 18 reactive arthritis in the rest of the joints. **A diagnosis of Poncet's disease was** considered in her case.. We treated her with standard
 19 anti-tuberculosis drugs and **the arthritis resolved within a few days.** She remained symptom-free at her 2 years' follow-up.

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