Guillain-Barré syndrome following snake bite: An unusual complication.

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Abstract
A 40-year-old man presented with a nonhealing wound on the left ankle for the last 5 weeks, a tingling sensation in both hands for 20 days, and weakness in all four limbs for 10 days. He had been bitten by a snake while working in a sugarcane field 6 weeks earlier and had received tetanus toxoid and anti-snake venom on the day of the bite. He had clinical, biochemical, and electrophysiological features of Guillain-Barré syndrome, with motor and sensory neuropathy—primarily suggestive of demyelination with secondary axonal degeneration. Recognition of this unusual complication following snake bite or use of anti-snake venom / tetanus toxoid has considerable epidemiological, therapeutic, and prognostic significance.

KEYWORDS: Guillain-Barrésyndrome; neuropathy; snake bite; tetanus toxoid

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