

# A Rare Variant of Turner Syndrome: Clinical Report from Kuwait

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## Introduction:

- Turner Syndrome (TS) is characterized cytogenetically by X chromosome monosomy, the presence of an abnormal X chromosome, or mosaicism of a 45,X or have an abnormal sex chromosome rearrangement (1).
- Girls with variant TS show no features, fewer or milder features of TS.
- We present the first clinical report of a girl with a rare variant of TS (46, X, i(X) (q10)) from Kuwait.

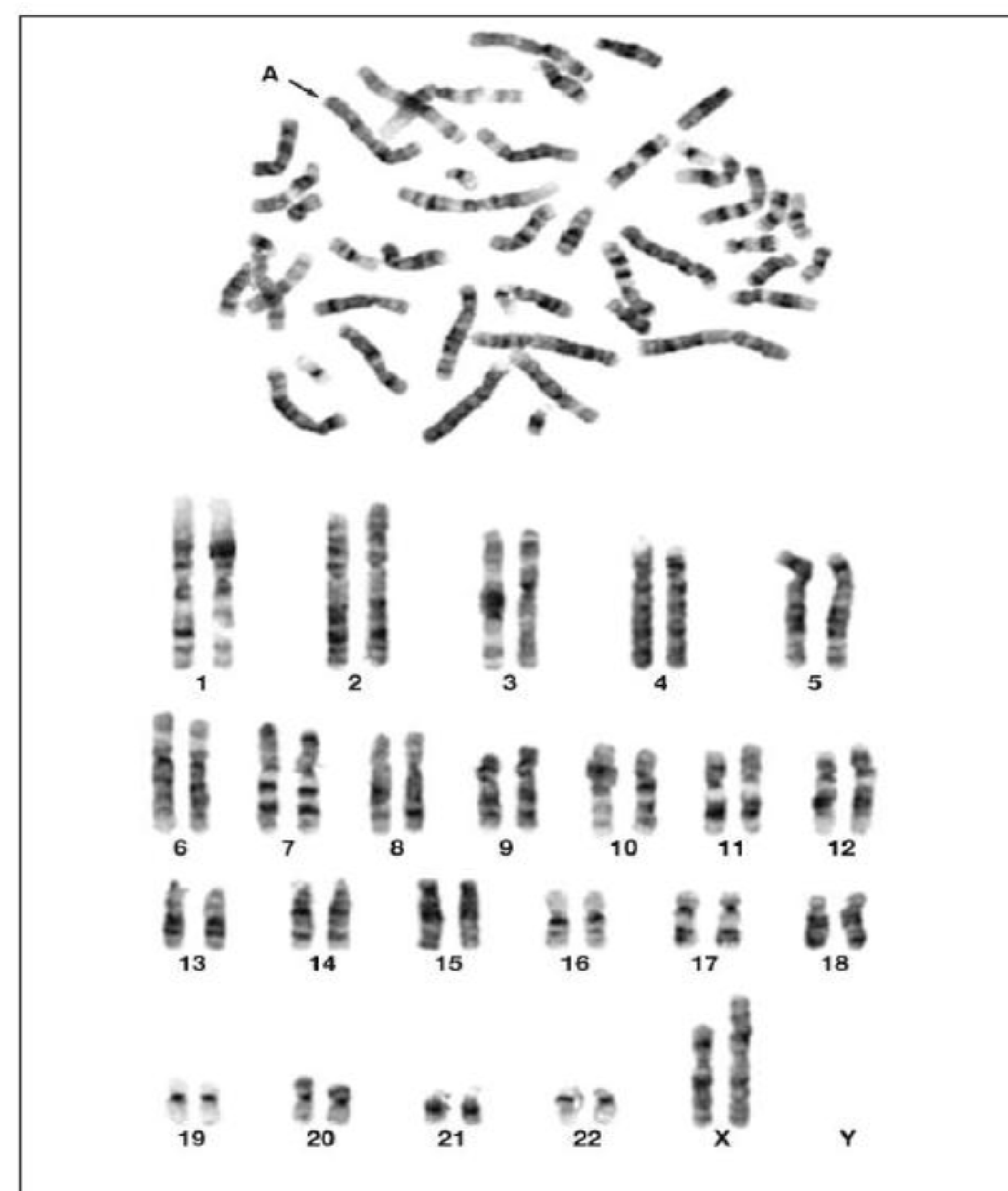


Figure (1) Chromosomal photograph of similar case from the literature (1). Isochromosome X (Arrow)

## Material and methods:

- A 12 year old Kuwaiti girl was referred to Endocrine clinic for short stature (already started on growth hormone therapy).
- She is known to have primary hypothyroidism.
- Full assessment and completion of the workup for short stature and hypothyroidism was started at the Endocrine clinic.

## Results:

- Height was at -4 SD and prepubertal.
- No other physical features of TS.
- Chromosomal analysis revealed 46, X, i(X) (q10) (Figure 1).
- Investigational workup showed in Table (1).
- ENT examination showed secretory otitis media (OM).
- She is currently under treatment with growth hormone and thyroid replacement.

## Conclusion:

- Our case demonstrated similar reported features namely, short stature, hypothyroidism, and gonadal dysfunction. However, different from other cases did not have cardiac or renal anomalies (2).
- This case emphasizes the basic principle in managing girls with short stature by performing genetic studies even without overt clinical features of TS.

Investigation	Result
TSH, fT4 on TT	Normal
Anti-TPO AB	Negative
US abdomen and Pelvis	small uterus for her age and non-visualized ovaries with no renal anomalies
Echocardiography	Normal

Table (1)

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