Sir,

Herein, we report a case of a girl with an unusual physical feature, which is not reported in the medical literature. However, similar cases can be easily detected in internet.

A 9-year-old girl of nonconsanguineous Moroccan parents, presented with an isolated long white eyelash in the upper left eyelid for 18 months. This eyelash was a terminal hair and presented no underlying skin lesions [Figures 1 and 2]. At the moment of presentation, the eyelash was only 2 cm long because she had it removed 3 weeks before. His father reported that this eyelash could grow up to 5 cm in length and that it took around 2 months to regrow if it was plucked out. She had a normal growth and development for her age, and her personal history and rest of the physical examination was otherwise unremarkable. Her parents brought her because the abnormal long eyelash got into her eye and was becoming a nuisance in everyday life and peer relationships. Her family history was only remarkable for his father at 35 being completely grey-haired, and also several second-degree relatives with premature greying of hair.

We have done a PubMed search with different keywords and found no similar reported cases. Thus as far as we know this would be the first case reported in the medical literature. However, when we searched the internet, we found several sites showing similar cases, including internet forums, a Facebook site, YouTube video, and a Guinness World Record [Figure 3].[1-4]

Internet and social network are changing the way people communicate, and it may change the way doctors communicate and report clinical cases. World as reflected by medical literature may be just the tip of the iceberg of what it is out there in reality. It is our duty as medical professionals to go outside our journals, search the real and virtual world in all its medical manifestations and report it.

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Sir, 

Greying of hair is an aging process that occurs in almost all men and women. Some people grey early while others late, but grey hair is unwelcome at any age. 

A 48-year-old male presented with greying of hair of only the right lower extremity since 6 months. Since 6 months, he has been noticing number of grey hairs on the right thigh. He has searched all over his body for grey hair but has not found any except for a few hairs on the scalp, which were present scattered over the scalp since few years. The patient has been expecting grey hairs on the other leg since 6 months, but not a single grey hair was seen. 

Examination showed that there was significant greying of hairs only on the right lower extremity especially the right thigh (Figure 1). There was no pigmentary change on the skin of that region. There was no obvious loss of hair. 

Various unusual presentation of greying of hair has been reported. The overnight greying phenomenon is one of the so-called mythical occurrences that has baffled the scientific community for years. [1] There are many stories of historical figures where hair reportedly turned grey after severe emotional stress. Queen Marie Antoinette was said to have turned grey upon hearing her death sentence. There are many case report of greying occurring after severe pain or somatic disease. [2] Rapid greying of eyelashes has been reported after pain in that region. Hemicanites has been reported after severe hemorrhage [3] and after parturition. [4] Various hypothesis regarding unusual greying have been put forward such as alopecia areata, vitiligo, telogen effluvium. [5] In our case, there was no obvious loss of hair and no depigmented skin lesions. He did not have any pain in that region nor did he have any systemic illnesses that could be related to telogen effluvium. The only postulation we could make was that this could be an early segmental vitiligo where the skin may become depigmented later. 

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