CASE REPORT

ENDEMIC TYPHUS (MURINE TYPHUS) IN AN 18 YEAR OLD LIBYAN ADULT

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Abstract. We present a case of an 18 year old Libyan with a history of fever, frontal headache, bodyache, malaise, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, followed by macular to maculopapular rash. A diagnosis of endemic typhus (murine typhus) was made based on the typical clinical findings and epidemiological history given by the patient. Routine blood investigations were inconclusive and a chest x-ray was normal. The patient was treated by oral doxycycline. The patient responded favorably to treatment.

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