

Summary

48 years old married, bisexual male from Ambalangoda presented to sexually transmitted infections clinic with hypopigmented lesions in glans and prepuce for 1 month duration. He gave a history of a genital ulcer 3 months ago. He had no other symptoms like generalized rash, patchy alopecia or neurological involvement.

He has had 5 life time sexual partners including female sex workers and previously unknown male partners.

During examination there were few macular hypopigmented lesions in glans and prepuce with non tender inguinal lymphadenopathy. No generalized body rashes or genital ulcers were noted. There were no abnormalities on neurological examination.

His urgent VDRL was R64 and he was managed as secondary syphilis with intramuscular benzathine penicillin 2.4 MU single dose after sensitivity test. His other STI/HIV screening tests were negative.

Contact tracing was unable as patient did not have contact details of his partners. As he did not bring marital partner for screening and treatment he was strictly advised to do so. He was followed up monthly with VDRL tests and clinical evaluation to assess treatment response. Genital lesions responded within one month after treatment and he had no evidence of relapse or reinfection.

Baseline VDRL – R64 → VDRL (1/12) R4 → VDRL (2/12) R8 → VDRL (3/12) R8