

Abstract

Venomous snake bites with systemic envenomation is a common occurrence in the North central province of Sri Lanka where the livelihood of the locals are predominantly based on farming. Out of the venomous snake bites krait bites give rise to neurological manifestations. Despite severe neuroparalysis, patients who receive anti venom serum and ventilator support in time recover completely. Autonomic disturbances resulting in resting tachycardia, labile hypertension and sweating have been described in krait envenomation. We present here a patient who presented with features of neurological features of krait bite envenomation but without a witnessed snake bite, and going on to develop a coma like state mimicking a locked in syndrome with labile blood pressures and making a complete recovery after 72 hours. He was retrospectively diagnosed as having a krait bite.