

Abstract :

Malaria is an infectious disease caused by Plasmodium parasites, mainly *P. vivax*, *P. falciparum*, *P. ovalae*, *P. malariae* and *P. knowlesi* which are spread through Anopheles mosquitoes. Disease is not endemic in Sri Lanka currently, but can be re-introduced from other countries, mostly from India, Africa and Asia. The main sign of the disease is fever with shivers repeated periodically. There is highly effective chemoprophylaxis available and treatment, which should be given quickly. (1)

We describe a young man investigated for pyrexia of unknown origin with pancytopenia who had a history of visit to India 1 year back. He was diagnosed to plasmodium vivax infection with positive thin & thick blood film and rapid diagnostic test. As he had the visit to India 1 year back, malaria was not considered initially in diagnosis. But as patient developed typical tertian fever pattern it has given a clue towards the diagnosis. So as imported malaria cases were found in Sri Lanka recently, all the clinicians must have high index of suspicion for malaria in fever patient with travel history to endemic areas. Early detection and prompt treatment will prevent complications.