

Abstract

Typhus is an acute febrile rickettsial illness which is common in Southeast Asia. Sri Lanka is an endemic area where the incidence rate is increasing annually. Presentation can vary from a mild fever to complicated with multi organ failure. We report a 33-year-old male who presented with an acute febrile illness and diagnosed to have typhus fever, with typical maculopapular rash and eschar which responded dramatically to a course of doxycycline.