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Opera-glass hand with arthritis mutilans in psoriatic arthritis

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A 42 years old gentleman who was a known case of Psoriasis vulgaris since last 5 years presented to the Rheumatology clinic with inflammatory arthritis predominantly involving the joints of the upper extremities. Musculoskeletal examination of both hands revealed dactylitis and distal interphalangeal joint arthritis. He had a shortened right ring finger with excessive transverse skin folding suggestive of an Opera-Glass hand (Figure 1A). A Radiograph of the same revealed arthritis mutilans with complete resorption of the middle phalanx (Figure 1B).

Figure 1: Opera-Glass hand (A) and arthritis mutilans with complete resorption of middle phalanx (B) in a patient of psoriatic arthritis.

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