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ABSTRACT

Second-trimester diagnosis of complete trisomy 9 associated with abnormal maternal serum screen results and sonographically detected structural abnormalities

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Trisomy 9, mosaic or nonmosaic, is a relatively rare chromosomal abnormality, comprising only 2.7% of all trisomic cases. Since the vast majority of affected fetuses are miscarried spontaneously in the first trimester, trisomy 9 is rarely seen thereafter, there is a paucity of reports regarding the prenatal sonographic findings of trisomy 9. Clinical and sonographic findings that have been described include intrauterine growth restriction, central nervous system abnormalities, cranial and facial anomalies, skeletal defects, congenital heart defects, and urogenital abnormalities.

We report a fetus with sonographically detected structural abnormalities and abnormal maternal serum screen results showing an elevated maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein (MSAFP) level and low maternal serum free -human chorionic gonadotrophin (MSfree -hCG) level which was subsequently found to have a complete trisomy.