**Case Report**

**Abstract**

This was a preterm female baby born at 33 weeks gestation with a very low birth weight (VLBW) of 1280 grams.

Antenatally the mother had anhydramnios. The couple were consanguineous.

The baby was ventilated because of respiratory distress syndrome. At the age of one week, she developed necrotizing colitis but recovered well without complications.

At the age of two weeks, she was found to have significant conjugated hyperbilirubinemia with bleeding tendency, abnormal liver enzymes and hypoalbuminemia. She went on to develop hepatic failure with encephalopathy.

Further investigations revealed abnormal ferritin and transferrin values. The direct Coombs test was also positive.

A diagnosis of gestational autoimmune liver disease (GALD) was made and management was commenced.

The discussion of the case will highlight the importance of arriving at the diagnosis, the management and future prevention of recurrence in offspring.