

# A medical cause for fifty shades of grey

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## CASE REPORT

A 62-year-old patient presented with abdominal discomfort, weight loss, discoloration of the skin, and dark urine (*figure 1*). His medical history revealed achondroplasia. Physical examination showed a short stature due to achondroplasia, a remarkable blue-grey skin discoloration most pronounced in the sun exposed skin, pathological

lymphadenopathies of the right axilla, an enlarged liver and a scar on his back after a wide excision of a skin lesion performed 20 years ago, according to the patient.

## WHAT IS YOUR DIAGNOSIS?

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**Figure 1.** A,B: Blue-grey discoloration most pronounced in the sun-exposed skin. C: The patient and his sister (same parents). D: The patient's urine

