

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor

A case of aborted thoracopagus conjoined twins is presented. The fetus was the result of pregnancy in a 20-year-old woman (Gravid 1 Para1), who had no history of congenital malformation or exposure to medical or toxic agents.

Finding the malformation on routine obstetrics ultrasonography, the pregnancy was terminated at 14 weeks of gestation.

The fetuses were joined at the thorax, with three well developed legs and a rudimentary fourth leg. (Figs. 1A and B) MRI revealed a single heart shared by twins. The kidneys and urinary bladder were not developed at all. (Fig. 1C)

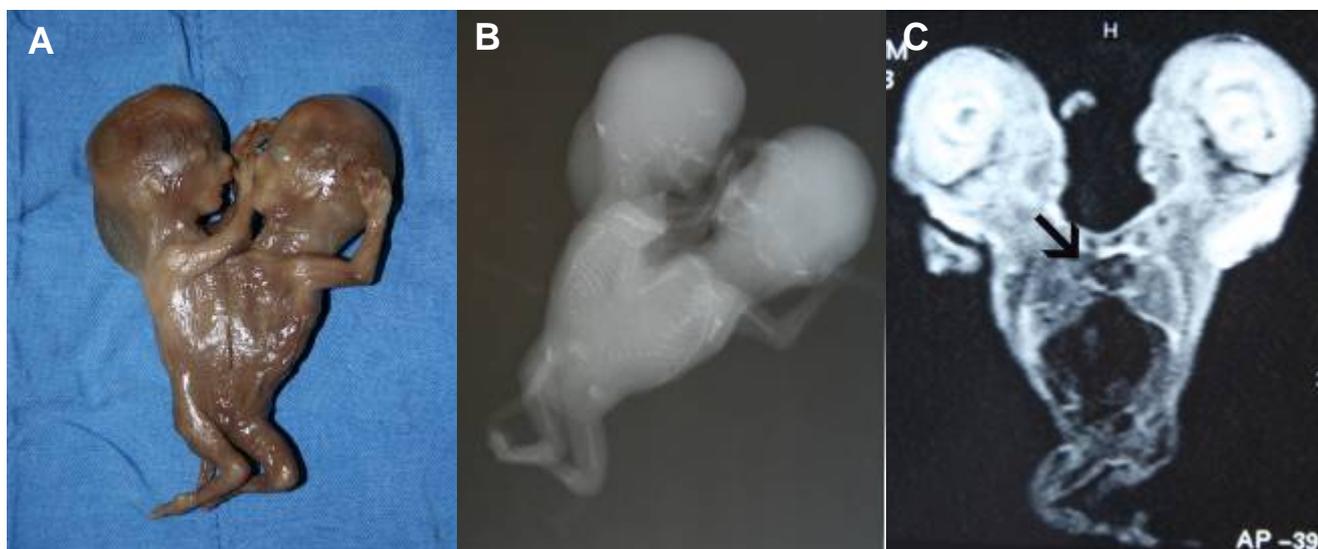


Fig. 1. A case of aborted thoracopagus conjoined twins.

A. Gross pathologic view of conjoined twins.

B. Graphy of twins showing early ossification of calvarial bones, ribs and limbs.

C. Sagittal MRI (T1WI), arrow shows single common heart.

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