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Figure 1

A 48 years old gentleman was admitted with abscess over the pulp of right middle finger. On examination, he was also noted to have wasting of muscles of the right hand and deformities of the fingers. He reported undergoing treatment under dermatology for some problem about 10 years ago.

What is the deformity?

What is the likely underlying cause?

Answer: refer to page 105

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