X-ray of the affected distal phalanx revealed two separate nail plates placed vertically one above the other with no underlying bony deformity [Fig 3]. Potassium hydroxide mount and fungal culture of the discoloured nail did not show any fungal growth. The patient has been advised for surgical removal of the nail plate and matrix.
patient, the cosmetic disfigurement resulted in a negative and made her seek medical advice.

Surgical excision of the nail and its entire matrix is the treatment of choice for both ectopic nail [10] and polyonychia. Persistence of the split nail matrix either due to lack of awareness of nail anatomy by the operating surgeon or an incomplete removal results in a persisting or a recurring nail plate inspite of intervention as the proximal nail matrix is what contributes to the growth of the nail plate.

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