

Foliate Papillitis Masquerading as Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Clinical Presentation

Dear Editor,

The clinical presentation of foliate papillitis in a child and its association with lymphoid follicle was reported in the ancient medical literature.^[1,2] A 30-year-old man reported to the dental department with pronounced enlargement of foliate papilla measuring 2 cm × 2 cm on the right side of the tongue with soreness and discomfort of 2 weeks' duration [Figure 1a]. On clinical examination, the mass was firm to palpation and covered by normal epithelium. The patient stated that the lesion had increased progressively and the patient recalled previous history of trauma due to accidental biting during mastication (mechanical damage). The presence of early squamous cell carcinoma was suspected and a biopsy was performed. On histopathological examination, mild hyperkeratosis with dense fibrous tissue and inflammatory infiltrate mainly neutrophils was noted. The patient was instructed to apply Kenacort 0.1% paste (triamcinolone oral mucosal paste) and candid mouth paint to prevent fungal infection. After 2-week review, the patient presented with normal foliate papilla [Figure 1b]. This is the unique case where the authors clinically illustrate a case of foliate papillitis masquerading as squamous cell carcinoma in the clinical presentation to report in the literature.

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Figure 1: (a) The enlarged foliate papilla on the right side of the tongue. (b) Normal foliate papilla on the right side of the tongue

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