

Pemphigus Vulgaris Triggered by Herpes Simplex Virus Infection: A Case Report

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ABSTRACT

Pemphigus vulgaris is a life-threatening and rare autoimmune disease characterized by the development of mucocutaneous blisters resulting from autoantibody-induced disruption of keratinocyte adhesion. The following case report presents a very rare manifestation of vesiculoulcerative rash in the oral cavity, diagnosed as pemphigus vulgaris triggered by herpes simplex virus infection. It underlines the challenge of diagnosis and points out the importance of histological examination to confirm the diagnosis of pemphigus vulgaris. Therapeutic options include systemic steroids and steroid-sparing medications; current guidelines on the use of corticosteroids and rituximab as the first line of treatment and related adverse effects are discussed herein. This case report delineates diagnosis and comprehensive care for fast improvement in patient outcomes.

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