



Oesophageal Localisation of Erythema Multiforme due to Herpes Simplex Virus

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Clinical Image

A 20 years old patient was hospitalized for erythema multiforme secondary to oropharyngeal herpes simplex virus type 1. During hospitalization he presented digestive bleeding with hemoglobin level at 17 g/dl. Upper endoscopy (Figure 1) showed oesophageal ulcerations, of variable size, sometimes with haematin deposits. Histological examination showed regenerative ulcerative oesophagitis without signs of specificity and without isolation of herpes virus. Patient was treated by aciclovir, corticosteroids and proton pump inhibitors. Clinical outcome was favorable. Control upper endoscopy after 2 months showed an ad integrum restitution of the oesophagus (Figure 2).



Figure 1: Initial upper endoscopy showing oesophageal ulcerations, of variable size, sometimes with haematin deposits.

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Figure 2: Control upper endoscopy at 2 months showing complete regression of the lesion after treatment.