



INFECTIOUS DISEASES (BACTERIAL, FUNGAL, VIRAL, PARASITIC, INFESTATIONS)

TYPICALLY ATYPICAL PRESENTATIONS – TWO RARE AND SIMILAR CASE REPORTS

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Introduction: Rarity of a case is due to atypical features at the time of presentation. One of the age old diseases of mankind in India is leprosy. Leprosy derived from a Greek word lepros which means scaly, referred to as kushtha in ancient India. At the beginning as the disease was rampant, clinical features were clear cut. But with local treatments and depending on individual's resistance astonishingly broad spectrum of divergent presentations occur confusing the clinician.

Case report: A 50year old female, housewife by occupation came with the complaints of asymptomatic swelling over right chin since 1year, increasing in size and redness over it since one month. On examination an ill defined plaque of size 4x3cms present over right mandible which is soft to firm in consistency, non tender and mobile, with local rise of temperature. Another plaque of size 2x2cms was present below the chin which was soft in consistency, non tender, and mobile with local rise of temperature. No palpable lymph nodes. Sensations were intact. No history of fever, arthralgia, loss of appetite, weight loss and bleeding diathesis. No history of difficulty in swallowing food. Clinically diagnosis was kept as plaque stage of mycosis fungoides, sarcoidosis, granuloma faciale, tumid LE, and type I lepra reaction. Due to financial constraints only routine blood examination and biopsy was done. To authors surprise, biopsy came as type I reaction. Similarly, an another case of 59 year old male patient presented with asymptomatic swelling over right cheek near the angle of mouth since 6 months with increase in size and redness since 1 month. Biopsy showed features of type 1 lepra reaction.

Key message: Highlights the atypical nature of the disease process .

