

A Fissured Tongue

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A 52-year-old woman without any past medical or surgical history except a resolving peripheral facial palsy (PFP) at the age of 14. She presented a recurrence of a left PFP in 2010 and a right PFP in February 2011 for which she was followed.

Her neurological examination showed a hemi spasm, a bilateral facial blepharospasm especially on the right side associated to episodes of migraine like headaches, and facial edema worsened by extended work on a laptop which caused an inconvenience to the patient on a socio-professional level.

The neurological examination took note of the significance of her right facial hemispasm and showed also a facial edema and a very fissured tongue (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Fissured tongue.

The diagnosis of Melkersson-Rosenthal syndrome was retained; it is a neuro-mucocutaneous disease classically defined by a triad made of: swelling of the lips, PFP and a fissured tongue with folds. Its etiopathogenesis is still unknown.

The treatment consisted of oral corticotherapy with motor rehabilitation. The patient showed an improvement of her PFP and a disappearance of her lip edema. The PFP prognosis was good.

Consent

Written informed consent was obtained from the patient for publication of this letter to editor.

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