Multifocal Bullous Fixed Drug Eruption

Eritema Pigmentado Fixo Bolhoso

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Figure 1 – Round, well circumscribed, edematous erythematous-violaceous plaque

We report a case of a 58-year-old woman with multiple round, well circumscribed, edematous erythematous-violaceous plaques on the trunk and both upper and lower limbs (Figs. 1 and 2) which appeared about 24 hours after taking etoricoxib for dental pain. She denied taking other drugs. She mentioned a similar episode in the past, after etoricoxib as well. The biopsy confirmed the diagnosis, but the patch test with etoricoxib on the lesional skin was negative.

Multifocal bullous fixed drug eruption is an adverse drug reaction that is characterized by multiple plaques with frequently central bullous detachment.^{1,2} They can be located anywhere on the body surface, including on the genitalia and oral mucosa. The lesions appear several days after the intake of the drug, but can emerge in less than 24 hours on the same anatomical sites, if there is a re-exposure. The most common culprit agents are non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and antibiotics.³

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Figure 2 – Multiple lesions on the trunk and lower limbs

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