Reviewer’s report

Title: The Oral Manifestations of Syphilitic Disease: A Case Report

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Reviewer: Nipun de Silva

Reviewer's report:

1. Do you believe the case report is authentic?

   Yes

2. Do you have any ethical concerns? Please consider if local Institutional Review Board approval or ethical approval was obtained (if appropriate) and if the patient (or their parent or guardian in the case of children under 18) gave written, informed consent to publish this case and any accompanying images. A statement to this effect should appear in the manuscript.

   Comments: No

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   No

   Inadequate background section

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   a. The relevant patient information, including:

      - De-identified demographic information (age, gender, ethnicity)
      - Main symptoms of the patient
      - Medical, family and psychosocial history
      - Relevant past interventions and their outcomes
ethnicity not given. Some components of history are missing which is interesting in the history. For example in this case sexual history and history of genital lesions are important though nothing is mentioned.

b. The relevant physical examination findings

Genital examination missing

c. Important dates and times in this case (if appropriate, organized as a timeline via a figure or table); if specific dates could lead to patient identification, consider including time relevant to initial presentation, i.e. initial presentation at T = 0, follow up at T = 1 month.

d. Diagnostic assessments, including:
   - Diagnostic methods
   - Challenges (e.g., financial, language/cultural)
   - Reasoning and prognostic characteristics (e.g., staging), where applicable

Diagnostic details inadequate. Only a non treponemal test is performed. A treponemal serological test is required in a case like this. Though investigations like dark field microscopy or other direct methods are not very specific such a test on mucosal lesion might further provide evidence for the lesion on palate to be a chancre.

e. Types and mechanism of intervention

f. A summary of the clinical course of all follow-up visits

Authors mention that patient improved after treatment, but the gap between treatment and follow up or response of different symptoms are not described

Comments:
5. Is the interpretation (discussion and conclusion) well balanced and supported by the case presented?

Comments: Further detailed analysis of available literature on oral manifestations of syphilis and comparison with symptoms of the above patient is required.

6. Is the anonymity of the patient protected? Please consider any identifying information in images such as facial features or nametags, whether the patient is named etc. If not, please detail below.

Yes

7. Is the Abstract representative of the case presented?

Comments: Inadequate

8. Does the case represent a useful contribution to the medical literature?

Comments: For some extent

9. Additional comments for the author(s)?

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