

A 33-year-old male farmer with progressive gingival swelling and bleeding

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A 33-year-old male farmer from eastern Iran presented with progressive gingival swelling and bleeding of several months duration. His past medical history was unremarkable. Oral examination revealed gingival hypertrophy, especially of the upper jaw and several plaques and papules (cobblestone appearance) of the hard palate (Figures 1, 2). Systemic examination did not reveal any additional cutaneous lesions, enlarged lymph nodes, or hepatosplenomegaly. The complete blood count, serum electrolytes, urea, liver function tests and chest radiography were within normal limits.

- What is the likely cause of the oral lesions?
- How could the diagnosis be confirmed?

(Answer on page 268)



Figure 1. Gingival hypertrophy with bleeding.



Figure 2. Cobblestone mucosa of the hard palate.

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