An uncommon complication of otitis media in the only hearing ear: Bezold abscess

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SUMMARY

Although Bezold abscess is rarely seen nowadays as a result of the early intervention of ear infection with the antibiotics, it is still one of the acknowledged but rare complication reported in the literature. We present a case of Bezold abscess which developed in the only hearing ear. The Bezold abscess occurred after 3 months of resolution of otitis media which was previously treated with topical and systemic antibiotics. Urgent computed tomography revealed the pathology. His hearing was saved with timely surgical interventions and antibiotics. Bezold abscess typically presents with neck swelling and a history of ear infection with or without ear symptoms. It can be diagnosed easily with radio imaging. Immediate interventions limit the progress of the disease. Aggressive management and close follow up of patients with ear infection in the only hearing ear is crucial to detect its complication. Timely intervention can reduce its morbidity

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Ibuprofen-induced allergic reaction presenting as a spontaneous retropharyngeal and laryngeal hematoma: A case report

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SUMMARY

Ibuprofen is a widely used analgesia with minimal side effects reported. It is usually purchased over the counter by patients due to its safety and relatively low side effects. There is no literature available on spontaneous retropharyngeal and laryngeal hematoma due to an allergic reaction. The objective of this case report is to highlight a rare case of a patient presenting with throat discomfort, dysphagia, odynophagia, hoarseness and developed spontaneous bruising over the anterior neck after consuming multiple doses of ibuprofen. On further investigation the patient was found to have a spontaneous retropharyngeal and laryngeal hematoma.