An unexpected finding in a labial swelling

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Resumen

An 18-year-old male was referred to our institution with a labial swelling of 45 days of evolution located on the upper lip. The patient was healthy, without systemic diseases or mental disabilities. No relevant family medical history was recorded during anamnesis. The patient mentioned that the lesion began as a painful small inflammation of the lip that increased in size. The patient consulted a general physician, who ordered laboratory tests to rule out syphilis diagnosis. Subsequently, the patient was treated with amoxicillin for 1 month with no improvement of the lesion. Labial discomfort became more intense, presenting episodes of pus discharge and suppuration of a whitish fluid. Clinical examination revealed a mobile, nonfluctuant, slightly firm mass, which measured 1.5 cm in greatest diameter, covered by a surface with normal mucosa (Figure 1). Extraoral examination revealed no facial swelling, asymmetry, or regional lymphadenopathy. Laboratory tests were requested and revealed normal values. Surgical intervention under local anesthesia was performed to arrive at the final diagnosis.

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