

Bazex syndrome

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Summary

Bazex syndrome is a rare but distinctive dermatosis appearing mostly in association with squamous cell carcinoma of the upper aerodigestive tract with possible cervical lymph node metastases; however, Bazex syndrome may also appear in association with other tumours. Cutaneous manifestations consist of scaling around the tips of the fingers and nail folds, the nose and the conchae of the ears.

We report two cases of Bazex syndrome. The first case is of a male patient with a squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx and cutaneous changes disappearing with the treatment of the tumour. In the second case, skin lesions, characterized by violaceous erythema with scaling on dorsum of the hands, forearms and ears, that appeared in a patient with carcinoma of the colon, underwent resolution also after removal of the tumour.

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