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Unusual papillary lymphoid hyperplasia of the palatine tonsil associated with Epstein–Barr virus infection in a child: A case report

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We describe the case of an Italian, Caucasian nine-year-old girl, suffering from a unilateral tonsillar swelling. Histopathological and immune-histochemical exams show a lymphoepithelial reactive hyperplasia overlap with a chronic inflammation. Microbiologic swabs reveal a throat infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, and a probable viral infection, caused by Epstein Barr Virus (EBV). We underline the importance to recognize and consider this benign lesion due to its similarities with a malignant neoplastic form, especially during differential diagnosis of cervical swellings in young women. This is one of the rare cases described in scientific literature in the last years, especially among caucasian race.

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