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A 52 years old men was evaluated for iron deficiency anemia. Physical examination showed no relevant signs. Laboratory data was significant for hemoglobin (8.8g/dL), transferrin saturation index (24%), ferritin iron (19mg/dL), (9mg/dL) and hypoalbuminemia (2.9mg/dL). Upper endoscopy reveal giant folds with congestive features (erythema and friability) and large polypoid lesions with oozing bleeding allocated in fundus and body of the stomach (figures A and B). Biopsy exams showed focal foveolar hyperplasia with cystic dilatations, superficial erosions, edematous stroma, smooth muscle hyperplasia, clusters of eosiniphils and a lack of oxintic glands (figure C). Helicobacter pylori was not detected in any sample. Colonoscopy and capsule endoscopy did not show any potential bleeding lesions. Oral and intravenous iron therapy was initiated with poor analytical and clinical response. Within 2 years of follow up he has been readmitted several times due to gastric bleeding and progressive clinical deterioration (severe anemia, hypoproteinemia and desnutrition, edema and pleural effusion). After alternative treatments with proton pump inhibitors, H2-receptor antagonists, somatostatin analogues have failed, surgery was then proposed. Total gastrectomy was performed, and after 6 months he showed normalization of analytical parameters and a mark improvement of his quality of life.

Ménétrier disease (MD) is a rare acquired disorder with an unknown origin. Despite its benign nature, it seems to increase the risk of gastric cancer. MD consists of giant rugal folds that involves the fundus and the body of the stomach with antral sparing, foveolar hyperplasia and markedly decreased oxyntic glands^{1,2}. Different names are used to describe it, all related with its clinic-pathological characteristics: giant hypertrophic gastritis, focal foveolar hyperplasia, giant fold gastropathy, hyperplastic hypersecretory gastropathy, hypoalbuminemic hyperplastic gastropathy, hypertrophic protein-losing gastropathy². MD can present with many nonspecific symptoms as abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, peripheral edema secondary to protein loss, low albumin levels, normal gastrin levels, hypochlorhidria, bleeding features^{1,2}. Many treatments have been reported to provide therapeutic benefits: corticoids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, antibiotics, anticholinergic agents, H2-receptor antagonists, somatostatin analogues, proton pump inhibitors, Helicobacter pylori eradication, monoclonal antibody against the epidermal growth factor receptor. However, each has yield inconsistent benefits. The only definitive treatment is gastrectomy, but it is often left to refractory cases or when there is a life-threatening risk^{2,3}.

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