A 67-year-old man was referred to an oral and maxillofacial surgery clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of a mass in the vault of the palate. Three months previously, the lesion was pointed out by his physician whilst undertaking upper gastrointestinal endoscopy for a medical health examination. This lesion was of long time duration and was asymptomatic.

On intra-oral examination, the mass was 38×25mm diameter, pedunculated, elastic, firm, the surface non-ulcerated and covered with normal mucosa without ulcer. Biopsy was performed and the lesion was diagnosed as a fibroma.

Then, the tumour was resected surgically under general anaesthesia and histology confirmed a benign fibroma. Healing was satisfactory and there has been no recurrence. The differential diagnosis of a palatal mass should be considered including, torus palatinus, pleomorphic adenoma of minor salivary gland, malignant minor salivary gland tumour, odontogenic or neurogenic tumours.1

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