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Dear colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome you to the first issue of Mucosa in 2021. It is a great pleasure for us to continue publishing during pandemic period without any interruptions.

In this issue, we have five scientific articles for you. Aksu Arica et al. reviewed the diagnostic approach to the aphthous lesions of the oral mucosa and they suggest a detailed anamnesis and physical examination.

In the research article section, Demir et al. investigated the serum and saliva dermcidin levels in patients with recurrent aphthous stomatitis, and they found that low levels of dermcidin with antimicrobial properties in saliva were considered as a predisposing factor for recurrent aphthous stomatitis. Aydemir et al. analyzed the patch test results with dental series in patients with oral lichen planus and oral lichenoid reactions, and they recommended to perform the dental patch testing in suspicious cases according to anamnesis and clinical findings.

Ozgen et al. reported a case with pemphigus vulgaris that presented with bilateral parotitis. They discussed associations between pemphigus vulgaris and parotitis and emphasized the importance of awareness of these two clinical entities in order to rapid diagnosis, treatment and prevention of unnecessary advanced tests. Finally, Ayat Gamal-AbdelNaser reported an interesting case with congenital form of oral lymphoepithelial cyst that was resolved spontaneously and recommended to follow up of the cases before a surgical intervention.

We would like to thank our readers, authors, and reviewers as well as our publisher for their meritorious contributions. We hope to hear good news for leading indexes as soon as possible. We await your valuable contributions for our forthcoming issues.

We wish you a healthy, happy, and successful new year!

Warm regards,

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