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Letter to the Editor: Burning mouth syndrome and risk of allergy

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Dear Editor:

In their interesting letter to the editor [Dec 1 issue], (1) Dr. Yolanda Martínez Beneyto et al. have examined the results of a national survey regarding the clinician attitudes of Spanish general dentists toward patients with burning mouth syndrome (BMS).

We are very surprised that the authors did not mention the recognized association between BMS and allergy to dental materials, which is especially linked to BMS type 3. (2-4)

Did the questionnaire submitted to dentists include any questions concerning the potential association between allergies to dental materials and BMS, or were the patients studied after removal of dental materials and included in the Table 1 as “Other treatments”? (1)

Currently, BMS is one of the most important dental issues facing dentists worldwide, therefore, we believe that even the effects of delayed allergy to dental materials on oral mucosa in patients with BMS should always be considered.

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