Special Issue

2nd Edition of Oral Inflammation and Chronic Autoimmune Diseases

Message from the Guest Editor

It is my great pleasure to introduce to you the second edition of the Special Issue of oral symptoms in autoimmune diseases. The causes of autoimmune diseases primarily include disorders in the mechanisms of self-tolerance. Genetic factors play an important role in the development of autoimmune diseases. Environmental factors, such as medications, long-term and repeated stressful situations, and diet, are also of great importance. Interestingly, it is not uncommon for a bacterial or viral infection to be a factor that contributes to the development of autoimmune diseases. Oral tissue conditions can be the first indication of autoimmune diseases, such as type 1 diabetes, psoriasis, rheumatoid inflammation, multiple sclerosis, thyroid diseases, Raynaud syndrome, and Sjogren disease manifestation. Inflammation in oral tissue as a manifestation of chronic infection may influence systemic body conditions. Some additional analyses, such as genetic or immunohistochemical analysis, tissue sample histology or saliva examination, may be useful in the primary diagnosis of these diseases. They may also contribute to the establishment of new oral markers of autoimmune diseases.

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