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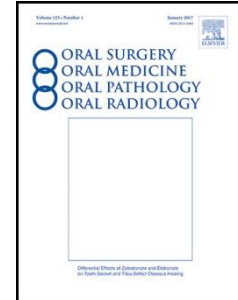
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We write with regard to a recent article published by Aljonobi et al that compares clinical symptoms of Sjogren’s syndrome (SS) and burning mouth syndrome (BMS).¹ It is an interesting review about the clinical symptoms of SS and BMS and claims that these two syndromes have similar symptoms, thereby making the diagnosis challenging.

We believe that the title of the article is misleading. The two syndromes cannot be misdiagnosed due to certain similar symptoms, because there are many other features that help to distinguish them. Moreover, the authors presented some features of BMS and SS, such as autoantibodies, stomatodynia, taste disturbances, salivary hypofunction, and xerophthalmia, in Table1 to help clinicians distinguish these syndromes easily. This is in contrast with the authors’ concept. Here, we discuss them in more details.

1) Autoantibodies: SS is a common autoimmune disease, and autoantibodies, specifically anti-SSA/Ro, are a characteristic feature of this condition.^{2, 3} In contrast, BMS is characterized by burning sensation of the oral mucosa with no abnormal laboratory results.⁴

2) Stomatodynia: Although patients with SS report no pain, oral pain is the main symptom of patients with BMS. Most individuals describe this symptom

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