Amyloidosis in Behçet's Disease

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Dear Sir,

Peces et al. [1] in a recent interesting paper, stated that only 6 cases of renal amyloidosis in association with Behçet's disease had been described previously. We would like to inform your readers that there were 4 more such cases who have been reported previously from Turkey. Additionally, another similar case has also been reported in a French journal [2] not mentioned by Peces et al [1]. The first case from Turkey [3] was reported in a local journal, and 3 further cases were presented at the International Conference on Behçet's Disease held on Tokyo in 1981 [4]. Interestingly we have also detected 2 more cases of Behçet's disease associated with amyloidosis and reported elsewhere [5]. Although we do not have the analysis of the amyloid fibrils of these 2 patients and the only data available on this subject are confined to the separate case reports of Skinner et al. [6] and Peces et al. [1], we are in agreement with the authors that the amyloidosis in Behçet's disease is of secondary (AA) type and the longstanding chronic suppuration of the mucocutaneous ulcerations might well be the predisposing factor.

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