

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Linear IgA disease and desquamative gingivitis

Dear Sir,

We read the comments of Dr Torchia and colleagues with interest. As we indicated in our manuscript this was a retrospective analysis over a time period that encompassed many of the later studies of linear immunoglobulin A (IgA) and allied diseases. It was based upon the investigations that are available in the majority of specialist Oral Medicine/Pathology units. The additional investigations to now prove definitely linear IgA disease are now clearly helpful in determining the epidemiology, clinical spectrum and therapy of this group of dermatoses, but it is interesting to note that gingival disease previously considered to be Linear IgA, and defined as mucous membrane pemphigoid by Torchia and co-workers was found to respond to the therapy of linear IgA disease (Porter *et al*, 1992).

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