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Dear Authors, you made a great work.

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Burning Mouth Syndrome (BMS) is a medically unexplained pain condition of complex aetiology. It is particularly prevalent in menopausal and post-menopausal women. The use of metaphor in psychotherapy may aid recovery by increasing patients' awareness of connections among mouth sensations, negative emotions, and potential triggers in their personal and social environment. Like many complex disorders, BMS has many treatments, but none work well. This manuscript also reviewed the difficulty of treating medically unexplained disorders that cut across many specialties, each of which recommends different approaches. The example here is Burning Mouth Syndrome, for which many adjunctive psychotherapeutic approaches have been recommended.