

# Introduction

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Here is the 4th special supplement of *Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology* devoted to Behçet's disease and Familial Mediterranean fever, two conditions about which we know much more and can do considerably more compared to about 20 years ago. However the pathogenetic mechanisms for both conditions remain still quite elusive.

We still have high hopes that the recently discovered pyrin mutations to further guide us in FMF while the whole genome studies and relevant basic work on inflammation/immunity interphase will help us to decipher the mystery of BS.

This supplement, the most rich of its kind thus far, will also serve as the formal abstract book for the *11th International*

*Conference on Behçet's disease* (27-31 October, 2004-Antalya, Turkey). From what we see from the submitted abstracts, even though there might not be many definitive answers that will come out of this conference there will at least be excellent questions discussed which will almost equally enrich our research and patient care skills.

On behalf of all the students of Behçet's disease and FMF, we sincerely thank the editor and the editorial office of *Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology* for their continuing support of this supplement.

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