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This year, we have also started to publish interesting cases in “Letter to the editor” format due to the limited space our journal has for case reports. This enables us to continue publishing interesting cases in a more compact format. We also encourage authors to submit their cases in “Diagnostic Challenge” format, which is very popular among our readers.

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I wish you all a happy vacations in the summer and hope that you can find time to follow our journal.

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