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Welcome to the final issue of *Molecular Diagnosis & Therapy* for 2020.

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- Land WG. Use of DAMPs and SAMPs as therapeutic targets or therapeutics: A note of caution. *Mol Diagn Ther.* 2020;24:251–62. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40291-020-00460-z>

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In 2021, *Molecular Diagnosis & Therapy* will continue to provide you with high-interest, clinically relevant content in the latest molecular diagnostic and therapeutic techniques and their use in precision medicine.

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With best wishes,
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