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## **BULLOUS PEMPHIGOID AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AMONG JEWISH POPULATION**

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**Introduction:** A retrospective case control study that included data regarding 65 Jewish Bullous Pemphigoid (BP) patients diagnosed in a tertiary medical center, and a control group consisting of 182 matched Jewish patients.

**Objectives:** Describing the association in the Jewish population and the prevalence of BP in Israel compared to other ethnic groups.

**Materials and methods:** we collected data and conducted a retrospective case control study that included demographic data of 65 Jewish BP patients diagnosed in "Emek" Medical Center and 182 Jewish patients as a control group that did not suffer from BP.

**Results:** The study indicates that Jewish patients with BP suffer from a higher prevalence of neurological diseases compared to patients with no BP, similar to previous reports about other ethnic groups.

**Conclusions:** Describing the association in the Jewish population could be of importance since the Jewish population is known to have a higher prevalence of BP in Israel compared to other ethnic groups and also a higher prevalence of some autoimmune disorders such as Pemphigus vulgaris worldwide.

