Orofacial pain: guidelines for assessment, classification, and management. The American Academy of Orofacial Pain. Hanover Park (IL): Quintessence Publishing Co., Inc.; 1996; and Olesen J, Bousser MG, Diener HC, et al. The international classification of headache disorders: 2nd edition. The clinical characteristics of TN include the presence of trigger zones, and innocuous stimuli in these areas lead to pain. A short gap between the stimulation of a trigger zone and pain onset may be observed and is termed latency. However, TN attacks are often spontaneous and triggers are not always present or identifiable [14].