

## Review of: "Evaluating the clinico-biochemical association between stress and chronic periodontitis by estimation of serum cortisol and serum chromogranin-A levels"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

It is an interesting study investigating biopsychosocial model with reference to Periodontitis.

Please mention about distribution of data.

Please consider the following points in discussion and conclusions section.

- 1. In cross sectional studies, attempt is made to keep the known important confounders to the minimum. In this study, there are two most important confounders. a) Plaque status as a etiology, and b) Age as a cumulative factor. Plaque score in control group is 0.84 whereas it is 2.18 in test group. This is a big intergroup difference. Intergroup difference in periodontal status might be attributed to it. Average age in study groups is 32 years vs 45 years. Again an important Intergroup difference with significant cumulative effect.
- 2. Please make the conclusions based on the findings and limitations of the study. Dysregulation of immunoinflamatory response and oral microbiome is not part of the study.

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