

Peer Review

Review of: "Self-Rated Periodontal Health and Its Association With Pre-Eclampsia Among Pregnant Patients in Lagos State"

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Dear authors,

Thank you for the effort and development of such studies, which highlight the complexity of relationships in health outcomes. For their part, oral health professionals need to intervene more strongly in these relationships, as periodontal disease is preventable and treatable.

Now, please clarify what adaptations you mention you made to the data collection instruments, and what was the process of review and feedback on these adjustments.

I have an operational question because your inclusion criteria included: The study population comprised women diagnosed with pre-eclampsia or eclampsia who gave birth in the maternity unit; Pregnant individuals aged ≥ 18 years; and Gestational age of ≥ 20 weeks. So how did a Nulligravida woman participate?

While confounding factors, such as comorbidities, were explored, it is important to give strength to how they may have influenced the findings. This is relevant because the main association was found to be with a systemic factor. Those factors that were not controlled for also deserve more attention and not just naming.

So, what additional information would help clarify the role of oral health professionals in addressing these health outcomes?

Declarations

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