

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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This article strengthens the link between stress and periodontal infection. It may be published after corrections.

1. Introduction is not concise. Very lengthy.
2. No reference for classification system used for diagnosing Chronic Periodontitis. Preferred classification should be 2017 Classification of Periodontal and Peri-implant Diseases and Conditions.
3. Name of the Ethics Review Committee not mentioned.
4. Smokers not written in exclusion criteria though it is mentioned later in discussion.
5. Age group included is 20-60 years which is too varied. Though these covariates were adjusted for statistical analysis but it may have created bias in the Social Readjustment Rating Scale and the Health Practice Index.
6. No supplementary material for the questionnaire based Social Readjustment Rating Scale and the Health Practice Index.
7. Introduction and Discussion are overlapping. The discussion should revolve around the link between periodontal inflammation and neuroimmunologic variables.
8. SRSS full form not mentioned. Abbreviations when used first time, full forms should be mentioned in brackets.
9. Table vii viii do not show results for both Group I and II
10. No footnotes for tables.
11. Overall formatting and grammar check required.