Reviewer's report

Title: Association between carotid area calcifications and periodontal risk: a cross sectional study of panoramic radiographic findings

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I should like to thank you very much for the benefit of offering me to review an article on a very interesting though controversial topic on the association of periodontal disease and carotid atherosclerosis. The article written by Dr. R. Tiller et al. is well written and they approach the issue from the primary care of the Dentist's primary care view. Although there are several papers regarding the association of periodontal disease and carotid atherosclerosis, this article is targeting a different group of physicians (dentists) and help them increase awareness of potential carotid atheroscleortic disease among the patients they care.

This paper is well written and the authors have addressed adequately the comments raised by the reviewers. Most importantly, they have highlighted, after the advice of the reviewers, the limitations of this study. My opinion is that this paper deserves publication because it will contribute to enhance the awareness of the problem among dentists.