Reviewer's report

Title: Periodontal disease and atherosclerosis from the viewpoint of the relationship between Community Periodontal Index of Treatment Needs and Brachial-Ankle Pulse Wave Velocity (baPWV).

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Reviewer: philippe hujoel

Reviewer's report:

General

The manuscript has improved substantially. There remain some issues to be addressed.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

The last paragraph of the discussion is inappropriate and needs to be deleted. This study does not at all indicate or support the existence of a threshold. The study does refute the that mild periodontitis or gingivitis is associated with CVD.

The authors should conclude that in agreement with other studies gingivitis and mild periodontitis is not associated with CVD.

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

None

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

None

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What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No