Reviewer's report

Title: Periodontal disease-associated micro-organisms in peri-menopausal and post-menopausal women using or not using hormone replacement therapy. A two-year follow-up study.

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1. Question is well defined
2. Methods are appropriate and well described
3. Data sound
4. Relevant standards for reporting
5. Data supports conclusion
6. Limitations of the study are stated, but important references in Periodontics are not noted. (Background section, there IS data on the prevalence of microbiota both sub and supra gingivally, these references are not noted.) The discussion section should also reflect on what is known in periodontics, not mentioned so far in the Background section.
7. Need for additional references
8. Appropriate abstract and title

Minor revisions are needed (see points 6-7 above).

Declaration of competing interests:

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