Reviewer's report

Title: Is Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) stage an independent risk factor for altering the periodontal status of HIV-positive patients? A South African Study.

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Overall:
An interesting article. A publication would be useful.

Abstract:
The only criticism is that not the CPITN (community periodontal index of treatment needs) or PSI (Peridontal screening index) was used for the study. Recent studies prefer a CPITN/PSI. Accuratley explain and demonstrate with current literature.

Material and Methods:
Study population:
Have the patients smoked? Because studies document that smoking is an enhancer for attachment loss of periodontal tissues. Here, a study by Albandar et al. (2000) should be cited.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests' below.