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Dear Editorial board of BMC Oral Health,

Please find attached our revised manuscript “Effectiveness of Lifestyle Change plus Dental Care (LCDC) program on improving glycemic and periodontal status in the elderly with type 2 diabetes ” (MS: 2072947886122603). All authors read and approved the revised manuscript. We appreciate the opportunity to revise our manuscript; thereby the comments of the reviewers were very helpful in order to improve the clarity of the paper. Our responses to the comments are given below. We hope that this revised version can contribute to the contents of BMC Oral Health and be of great interest to the journal's international readership.

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Editor's comment:

1- Please clarify in the method what variables were included in the regression models.

   The variables have been included in the regression models by using stepwise regression technique. The details have been added in the statistical analysis section with yellow highlight.

2- Tables 4 and 5 do not show all the variables supposedly included in the regression model. Considering the relatively small number, it is not expected to adjust for too many variables, but should at least adjust for (AGE), (GENDER), the respective baseline measure, (SMOKING) for periodontal outcomes, and preferably BMI for diabetes.

   Age, gender, the respective baseline measure, smoking, and BMI have been used to adjust in the multiple linear regression models. The details have been added in the results section (multiple linear regression analysis) with yellow highlight, and table 4 and 5.

3- Highlight the findings of the regression model in the abstract and discussion.

   The findings of the regression model have been highlighted in the abstract and discussion with yellow highlight.