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Title: Effectiveness of Lifestyle Change plus Dental Care (LCDC) program on improving glycemic and periodontal status in the elderly with type 2 diabetes

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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- Table 4 and 5 still do not include regression coefficient for age and sex. Table 4 should include regression coefficient for BMI for both outcomes, Table 5 should include regression coefficient for smoking for all outcomes not just for plaque.

   Table 4: group affiliation, age, gender, smoking, BMI, and the respective baseline measures now include the regression coefficient for both outcomes (FPG and HbA1c). Table 5: group affiliation, age, gender, smoking, and the respective baseline measures now include the regression coefficient for periodontal status (plaque index, gingival index, pocket depth, CAL, and BOP). The details have been added to both table 4 and 5, and in the results section (multiple linear regression analysis) with yellow highlight.

2- In the method state what variables were adjusted for in the regression analysis, eg, for pocket depth, baseline measure, age, gender and smoking.

   The details of the variables which were adjusted for in the regression analysis have been added in the method section with yellow highlight.

3- English editing of added text is needed.

   English editing of added text has been improved by native English language speakers.

4- Make sure the abstract is within the word limits.

   Some of the details in the result section in the abstract have been removed, so the abstract is within the word limits.