Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Statin using periodontitis patients have markedly fewer periodontal lesions - a retrospective study

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**Reviewer:** Francesco D’Aiuto

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**Minor Essential Revisions**

1) The authors have proposed/used the PIBI index without an extensive previous literature supporting its value, validity and possible applicabilities. I had therefore suggested to discuss this specific need in their discussion section. Their last sentence of the discussion is too vague as it does not refer to the index PIBI but to future clinical research on the possible protective role of statin therapy on tooth loss/oral health.

2) Present the data in the subgroup of non smokers as a sentence in the result section to confirm that the study findings were not observed only in current smokers.

**Discretionary Revisions**

1) Table 3, please highlight in bold only the statistically significant data (p<0.05)

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'