Reviewer’s report

Title: Periodontal conditions, oral Candida albicans and salivary proteins in type 2 diabetic subjects.

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Reviewer: Yutaka Seino

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Comments to the Authors;

Major Criticism: The Authors have examined the periodontal conditions in patients with T2DM from the point of Candida Albicans colony formation. The paper is almost logically written and summarized. However, there is no new information or important message in this paper. It is really difficult to find out the main message from this manuscript. As it is already known that the Candida Albicans is one of the common species that classified as yeast found in the oral normal flora, Accordingly the significance of the presence of Candida is dependent on the situation of the patients. In this paper they do not show the diabetic state of the patients. The duration of the disease, the condition of microangiopothy and macroangiopathy, BP, and metabolic conditions of the patients such as mean HbA1c, total cholesterol, urinary protein should be shown and discussed. Further they should demonstrate the meaning of the presence of C. albicans for their diabetic state.

Minor criticism: P10 l13 mean number of teeth 10.2? range 10-16 teeth, the mean is true?

In the figures # or + should be shown more precisely the comparison of the group

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.