Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of aphthous ulceration in Jordanian dental patients

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The paper titled “Prevalence of aphthous ulceration in Jordanian dental patients“ is a simple study that reports the prevalence of aphthous ulceration in Jordanian subjects. The author collected information about the disease from 684 dental patients using a specific questionnaire. This study does not add further information about disease.

1-) The aphthous ulceration profile in Jordanian subjects follow the same characteristics of the disease in others places in the world with exception of the prevalence which seem to be higher (78%). Smoking habit and frequency of crises were not informed. These data are important to understand the higher prevalence of disease found in the study.

2-) The author reported that 39.5% of patients were submitted to blood testing. It is not clear if the tests were conducted during or before the study. If before, details about type of tests should be described in methods section.

3-) The name of disease should be changed from aphthous ulceration to recurrent aphthous ulceration.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.