Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of aphthous ulceration in Jordanian dental patients

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Major compulsory revisions. 1 There seems to be some confusion as to what number of patients had blood tests undertaken. In the abstract we are told 39% but on page 5 this becomes 61%. Clarification please! 2 There is no laboratory test for aphthous ulceration so the sentence on page 3, paragraph 3 line 2 should be omitted. 3. In the discussion-third paragraph-what was the question asked? For example were patients asked if they have ever in their life suffered? 4. The sentence "Few patients.." is confusing. If a patient failed to recall ulcers surely that would lower the not as is quoted make it higher. Minor essential revisions-coeliac is spelt wrongly. Discretionary-how many patients were actually attending with aphthous as their main complaint?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.