Reviewer’s report

Title: Periodontitis and COPD - Epidemiological or Causal Association

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Reviewer: David Scott

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Thank you for the opportunity to referee the revised review article by Usher and Stockley et al. “Chronic Periodontitis and COPD – Epidemiological or Causal Association”.

The article is improved - although the authors have largely chosen to rebut both referees comments rather than make extensive amendments.


I would suggest the title be altered to something like: Chronic Periodontitis and COPD – A common role for neutrophils?

Figure 1 contains two boxes about cigarette smoke. Only one is required.

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.