Reviewer's report

Title: Age-related changes of fibroblast density in the human periodontal ligament

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Reviewer: Shahram Ghanaati

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The present study entitled: “Age-related changes of fibroblast density in the human periodontal ligament” deals with the fibroblast density within the periodontal ligament in relation to age.

This study is very interesting and essential for understanding the biological condition behind tooth movement in adults.

The present manuscript has a high scientific potential and contributes to a better understanding regarding tooth movement in adults, which has to be treated differently than that in adolescence.

There are some technical issues that need to be considered by the authors in order to make this manuscript more readable and visible for the scientific community.

1) As all three authors are from the same institution, there is no need for numbering the names and mentioning three times the same address.

2) The correct way would be:

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3) The result section within the abstract as well as in the manuscript are too short. Please mention some more of your findings, which you are discussing in the discussion section anyway.

4) The discussion section contains enough information. However, I suggest to restructure it in a discussion of the results and a discussion of the literature section.

All in all this manuscript is essential for dental medicine and should be accepted for publication in the journal of Head and Face medicine.
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' below