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Title: Odontogenic Necrotizing Fasciitis: A Systematic Review of the Literature

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Reviewer reports:

HASAN EMRE KOÇAK (Reviewer 1): Please include all comments for the authors in this box rather than uploading your report as an attachment. Please only upload as attachments annotated versions of manuscripts, graphs, supporting materials or other aspects of your report which cannot be included in a text format.

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The authors presented a review of odontogenic necrotizing fasciitis from 1987-2018.

1. A total of 58 studies, not 57, were included. Such a simple mistake should not be made. (1.7-63)

The number of studies selected was corrected to 58 in Figure 1 and under Results line 1 and Methods line 7.

2. For the period 1987-2018 104 total papers were identified. But I identify 105 paper.

The total number of papers was corrected to 105 in Figure 1 and under Methods line 5.

3. The tables are very simple, not descriptive.

The tables are in simple numerical form to make them concise and easy to interpret. The descriptions in the figure labels and in the manuscript text provide the descriptive data for the tables.

4. this review does not contain any information other than general information.( mortality rate in DM patients)
The review contains significant descriptive data on comorbidities, diagnosis, treatment, and survival in patients with odontogenic necrotizing fasciitis. The data is intended to also be applicable to non-Otolaryngologists such as medical students, internal medicine and hospitalist physicians, and emergency medicine physicians who are not as well-versed in necrotizing fasciitis and odontogenic infections as Otolaryngologists. For this reason, I feel that the presented data is invaluable as a review/primer on odontogenic necrotizing fasciitis, as well as a novel presentation on comorbidities that affect survival in odontogenic necrotizing fasciitis. Additionally, there is a rigorous statistical analysis of HIV infection and diabetes mellitus and their affect on survival in odontogenic necrotizing fasciitis that has not been previously presented in the literature.

I must be reject.

Çetin Vural (Reviewer 2): No comment.