Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence of Epstein-Barr virus DNA and Porphyromonas gingivalis in Japanese peri-implantitis patients

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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith a revised version of the manuscript entitled “Prevalence of Epstein-Barr virus DNA and Porphyromonas gingivalis in Japanese peri-implantitis patients” by Ayako Kato, Kenichi Imai, Hiroki Sato and Yorimasa Ogata.

The manuscript consists of 23 pages, 6 tables (OHEA-D-17-00300.R3).

We have considered each point raised by the editorial office and have revised the manuscript accordingly. A list of the changes, addressing the reviewer’s points, can be found below.

We believe that the changes that we have made in response to the constructive comments of the reviewers, have improved the presentation of this study, which we hope will now be considered acceptable for publication in BMC Oral Health.
Very sincerely yours,

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1. Plagiarism

We note that the current submission contains some textual overlap with other previously published works, in particular:


This overlap mainly exists in the following sections:

"sampling" section of the Methods; "DNA extraction and real-time PCR" of the Methods; last paragraph of discussion section.

While we understand that this is work that you have previously published, and some of the same ideas are contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. If this study uses methodology from a previously published work, please provide a summarizing statement in the methodology together with a citation to the original paper instead of reusing the text.

Please rephrase these sections to minimize overlap.

(Response)

According to the editor’s suggestion we revised the "sampling" section of the Methods; "DNA extraction and real-time PCR" of the Methods; last paragraph of discussion section.

2. Conclusions section

Please add a separate “Conclusions” section after the “Discussion” section. This should state clearly the main conclusions of the research article and give a clear explanation of their importance and relevance.
According to the editor’s suggestion we added a separate “Conclusions” section.

3. Funding

We note in the funding section you mention some partial funding received. In this statement please state all sources of funding received for this study and any role in the study funding bodies may have had.

(Response)

According to the editor’s suggestion we revised the “Funding”.

4. Availability of data and material

Please clarify in the “availability of data and material” whether de-identified versions of the data may be made available from the corresponding author should someone request it.

(Response)

According to the editor’s suggestion we revised the “Availability of data and material”.

5. English (Declarations section)

Please carefully proofread your manuscript for spelling mistakes and grammatical errors, currently there are some minor mistakes mainly in the Declarations section of the manuscript.

(Response)

According to the editor’s suggestion we revised the English.

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(Response)

We made clean version of the manuscript.