Reviewer’s report

Title: The effect of methamphetamine abuse on dental caries and periodontal diseases in an Eastern China city

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Methods:

I suggest that you describe the way the sample is selected, whether it was random or for convenience. I also suggest the power of the sample to show differences between the comparison groups. It is important to mention whether there were oral hygiene guidelines during the study for the volunteers, which may influence the results.

Necessary controls:

Although a reference population was used as a control, the age of this population is not comparable to all volunteers in the sample because of the difference between the ages. In addition, the sample was divided into two groups depending on the variables described in the method and compared to each other, however the criteria for forming these groups were not described in the method.

Conclusions:

The conclusion of the study needs to emphasize that this is a specific population with only men as participants, which makes any generalization difficult.

Statistics:

In the statistical analysis it is necessary to comment on the descriptive statistics and state which is the non-parametric test used.

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