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Title: Disease severity, debridement approach and timing of drug modify outcomes of adjunctive Azithromycin in non-surgical management of chronic periodontitis: a multivariate meta-analysis

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Comments:

- To synthesize evidence regarding clinical effectiveness of systemic azithromycin (AZI) as adjunct to scaling-root planing (S/RSD) as compared to S/RSD alone in chronic periodontitis, and analyse potential moderators impacting heterogeneity in outcomes. This is the aim of the study and not a background

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