Reviewer’s report

Title: Composition and Diversity of the Subgingival Microbiome and its Relationship with Age in Postmenopausal Women: an Epidemiologic Investigation

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This is a very comprehensive study investigating the subgingival microbiome profile of 1219 postmenopausal women. As has been indicated by the authors’ paper, it has a strength of including a huge number of patients which was not selected according to periodontitis severity or presence. Although it has a cross-sectional design as indicated as a limitation of the study, data gave information about the association between several bacterial species and age in the group investigated.

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