Reviewer’s report

Title: Screening for periodontal diseases by non-dental health professionals: A protocol for a systematic review and overview of reviews

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Reviewer: Giuseppe Troiano

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I apologize with authors for the not well opinion about the manuscript. In particular, my prejudices about the topic are strong, since I'm a dentist. However, in my opinion, the topic of the systematic review is not of interest. The question is: "Why a screening from general health practitioners should increase the rate of early diagnosis for periodontal disease?". As it is known, for all the patients a 6 months periodontal dental hygiene is recommended and a periodontal screening is performed without no other costs. Hence, another question that should be added to the systematic review is: "What is the cost-effectiveness of this screening of screening in adults during the periodic health examinations?"
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