Author’s response to reviews

Title: Effects of tofacitinib on the clinical features of periodontitis in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: two case reports

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Our point-by-point reply to the editor’s comments:

Comments 1): Overlap:

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

In the background, lines 7-8 - "Circulating levels of carbamylated protein and neutrophil extracellular traps are associated with periodontitis severity in patients with rheumatoid arthritis: A pilot case-control study" PLOS One. (2018) https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0192365


While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work.
Please re-phrase these sections to minimise overlap.

Answer:

Thank you for your review and comments. We have now altered two sentences that you suggested as follows:

-"...both of which are involved in the pathogenesis of RA and periodontitis." (Page 3, Background, lines 7-8).

-"...the efficacy of targeting intracellular pathways in inhibiting..." (Page 3, Background, lines 10-11).

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Answer:

We have now described the role of the funding body as you suggested.

Comments 3): Figure legends

Please move your Figure legend list so that it comes after the References.

Answer:

We have now moved Figure legend so that it comes after the References.

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