

Quantitative and qualitative assessment of *Candida* carriage in saliva and subgingival plaque among smokers and non-smokers with chronic periodontitis – A cross sectional study

General and Basic comments:

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Title	Quantitative and qualitative assessment of <i>Candida</i> carriage in saliva and subgingival plaque among smokers and non-smokers with chronic periodontitis – A cross sectional study <i>Alternative title: Candidal carriage in saliva and subgingival plaque among smokers and non-smokers with chronic periodontitis – A cross sectional study</i>
101- introduction	Not clear need to rephrase and rewrite
109	Patients on antibiotic(s)
110	In a healthy state
	<i>C. albicans or C albicans; you need to follow the known rules of writing names and species of microorganisms and this must be implemented throughout the manuscript.</i>
140	90 male patients 20-50 (?mean)
	Why only male patients were included? Explanations giving are not convincing?
141-143	Punctuations errors (e.g. . & , need to be placed in the wright place.
177	CJF (write in full the give abbreviation)
190	Sub-gingival or subgingival?
194-195	Language need to rephrase
	Subspecies of Candida was carried out based on the morphological characters of the Candida on the CHROMGENIC medium. Do you think this is enough and hat is the sensitivity and specificity of this medium in determining the different species of Candida? Further explanation is required to justify this.
212	What is the NCCLS-M27 method used?
214	Language need to rephrase
215-217	What does MB and GMN stand for? Give full name then use abbreviations.
218-220	Language need to check grammar
221	What readings were taken? Do you mean the zone of inhibition measurements were recorded? If so please clarify.
251	English (use past tense!)
254	Check there is a repetition of a sentence.
255	Topographical error (use of small and capital letters in the text)
262	Check spelling
267 & 285	Italicize : <i>C. glabrata</i> ; <i>C. albicans</i> etc....
296 & 327	Not clear need to clarify
365	English????
Fig. 1	Legend needs to be a descriptive

Table 1	What do the numbers represent? A full description is needed.
Table 2	What does the count and column and % refer to?
Antifungal testing	Why only 2 agents were uses for testing?
References worth looking at	<p>De-La-Torre J¹, Quindós G², Marcos-Arias C², Marichalar-Mendia X³, Gainza ML⁴, Eraso E², Acha-Sagredo A³, Aguirre-Urizar JM³. Oral Candida colonization in patients with chronic periodontitis. Is there any relationship? <i>Rev Iberoam Micol.</i> 2018 Jul - Sep;35(3):134-139. doi: 10.1016/j.riam.2018.03.005. Epub 2018 Aug 3.</p> <p>Ye P¹, Wang X², Ge S², Chen W², Wang W³, Han X⁴. Long-term cigarette smoking suppresses NLRP3 inflammasome activation in oral mucosal epithelium and attenuates host defense against <i>Candida albicans</i> in a rat model. <i>Biomed Pharmacother.</i> 2019 May;113:108597. doi: 10.1016/j.biopha.2019.01.058. Epub 2019 Mar 7.</p>