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Review Comments

Reviewer A

Comment 1: The title of the PDF and the system are different. I believe it is important to specify the population evaluated (city or country) in the title. If the title of the PDF file does not comply with the journal's standards, the authors must review it

Reply 1: We have added the place name Srikakulam in the manuscript title, as well as in abstract and conclusion section

Changes in the Text: Changes were made in 1, 6 and 21 lines of page No 1 and depicted in red colour.

Comment 2: The same considerations as in item 1 apply to the abstract

Reply 2: We have added the place name Srikakulam in the manuscript title, as well as in abstract section

Changes in the Text: Changes were made in 6 and 21 lines of page No 1 and depicted in red colour.

Reviewer B

Comment 1: This report documents and describes the awareness among general public of Srikakulam district in regard to Periodontics as a speciality in dentistry. It is an interesting study. While the manuscript is generally well written, grammatical and linguistic errors are evident throughout this study.

Reply 1: Language adjustment was made over the entire manuscript file as suggested by the reviewer

Changes made in text: Changes were made over the entire extent of manuscript.

Comment 2: A number of affirmative statements in the introduction reflect the authors' opinions rather than the facts as they lack citation of relevant scientific references

Reply 2: References were added as suggested by reviewer and depicted in red colour

Changes made in text: Changes were made in 32-34 lines of page 2 and depicted in red colour

Comment 3: Background information provided in the introduction clearly lacks the key-elements of description including time, place and person

Reply 3: References were added as suggested and modified in introduction section

Changes made in text: Changes were made in introduction section lines of 32-34 and line of 46 depicted in red colour

Comment 4: The meaning of "self-administered" in the subsection of Questionnaire Proforma is not quite clear

Reply 4: meaning of self-administered was explained in method section page 3 and depicted in line 77-78

Changes made in text: Changes were made explained in method section page 3 and depicted in line 77-78 red colour

Comment 5: Furthermore, the description in the methods section does not clarify how the questionnaire was developed

Reply 5: Questionnaire development was explained detail in methods section as suggested by reviewer

Changes made in text: Changes were made in page 3 line numbers 74-78 and depicted in red colour.

Comment 6: Although the methods section indicate that the questionnaire survey was validated, the specific information revealing the validation process is lacking.

Reply 6: Validation process explanation was also done in method section as suggested by reviewer

Changes made in text: Changes were made in page 3 line numbers 74-78 and depicted in red colour.

Comment 7: Results could not be fully reviewed because the methodology seems largely inappropriate.

Reply: Adjustments were made as suggested by reviewer and necessary corrections were done

Changes made in text: Matter was changed, p values were adjusted in results section pages 4,5 and lines 101-132 depicted in red colour

Comment 8: Title of each table is not fully descriptive/informative, footnotes are either missing or not complete, and as a result, tables are not entirely self-standing. Therefore, only by reviewing the tables, readers will not be able to thoroughly make sense of the content presented within the tables in this study.

Reply 8: Title has been modified and place name was added in title, methods, abstract and conclusion section in manuscript file, Un-necessary tables were removed as suggested and matter was adjusted in results section. Tables were reduced to 4

Changes made in text: Un-necessary tables were removed as suggested and matter was adjusted in results section. Tables were reduced to 4, pages 4,5 lines 101-132, tables adjustment page no 8-11

Comment 9: Limitations remain under-addressed.

Reply: Limitations were addressed in discussion section and depicted in red colour

Changes made in text: Changes were made and depicted in page no 5 in discussion section line numbers ranged from 143-151