

RESPONSE TO EDITOR'S COMMENTS AND PEER-REVIEW REPORT

Dear Respected Editors/ Reviewers,

The authors are highly appreciate the comprehensive feedback throughout the review process and are grateful for the endorsement of this manuscript for publication in your journal.

Comment #1: The language needs to be improved because of some grammar and punctuation mistakes.

Authors' response: The manuscript has now been comprehensively edited for proper English language, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and overall style by qualified native English speaking editors at American Journal Experts (AJE).

Comment #2: Use of abbreviations: Please indicate the full phrases used in the figures and tables like GT, GTH, ISGT, IGTM and GTW.

Authors' response: The manuscript was revised in regards and the full phrases were indicated.

Comment #3: Citation: When citing others' work, please use the family name of the first author followed by et al if there are more than one author. For example, Singh et al and Padmavathi et al (4,5) and Yin et al 2007 (17). However, the authors did not cite this way. Please check the whole article and correct similar problems.

Authors' response: The manuscript was revised and adjusted according to this comment; also one of the references was replaced because we had found that it is not indexed in PubMed.

Comment #4: Conclusion in the abstract: Please use just one or two sentences to summarize the relevant information.

Authors' response: The conclusion in the abstract was rephrased according to this comment.

Comment #5: The authors did not mention if they had obtained the approval of the ethics committee with all the patients given their signed informed consent in the Materials and methods section.

Authors' response: The study protocol was approved by the Ethical Committee of the Dental Research Center, College of Dentistry, Qassim University, Saudi Arabia. This point has now been mentioned in the subjects and methods section. Patients were not required to give informed consent to the study because the analysis used anonymous data that were obtained from the Radiology Department Archive, Dental Clinics Center, Qassim University, after each patient agreed to treatment by written consent.