

# An emphasis of T cell subsets as regulators of periodontal

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Reviewers have now commented on your paper. You will see that they are advising that you revise your manuscript. If you are prepared to undertake the work required, I would be pleased to reconsider my decision.

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Yours sincerely

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Reviewers' comments:

Dear authors.

I have read through your manuscript. Although the topic is interesting and potentially important for patient care, there are several major objections I have with the current draft.

- 1. The text is often too shallow and exacts more depth to be maximally informative. For example, the section on therapeutic approaches is suitable for a pseudo-scientific magazine, not a scientific journal. Please eliminate the freshman-level research report elements and increase the level of corroborative science throughout the text.
- 2. The style of writing, especially in regard to the bullet points, indicate that the authors have either never written a paper before or never read any papers in literature. The text needs to be continuous and the narrative must flow like prose. Now some sections resemble a note pad.
- 3. The English language exacts an upgrade to academic level.
- 4. Only address the cellular and molecular constituents of the immune system that actually play a role in periodontal health and disease. The readers should be presented with focused information, and not a generic immunology book.
- 5. Make sure all sentences that warrant a citation actually contain appropriate references.

Please do not take these comments lightly; your manuscript will require a considerable overhaul.

Thank you and kindest regards,

Michal Heger Dan Milstein Ammar Musawi Editors



Authors' response

### **REVIEWERS COMMENTS AND CHANGES MADE:**

COMMENTS	CLARIFICATIONS
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3. The English language exacts an upgrade to academic level.	Has been modified.
4. Only address the cellular and molecular constituents of the immune system that actually play a role in periodontal health and disease. The readers should be presented with focused information, and not a generic immunology book.	Has been modified to fulfil the scope and need of the journal.
5. Make sure all sentences that warrant a citation actually contain appropriate references.	References have been modified.

2<sup>nd</sup> Editorial decision 12-Apr-2021

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revise your manuscript. If you are prepared to undertake the work required, I would be pleased to reconsider my decision.

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Reviewers' comments:

Reviewer #1: JCTRes-D-20-00144R1

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Abstract

To include in the background other different types of LT, there are several other types of LT linked to health or periodontal disease.

#### Relevance for patients

It is also relevant, the contribution in predicting the loss of insertion or poor result after periodontal treatment and how the progression of periodontitis is affected

### Introduction

I believe it is necessary to include the different types of LT that we can associate with periodontal health or and the types of LT associated with periodontal disease.

Start the development of the explanation as the author sees it would be that wind of change from health to disease

#### T helper cells:

It is of interest to include the latest studies related to the role of Th9 and Th22 in the presence and development of periodontitis, so that we have an updated view of the role of all types of Th cells.

T cells in Periodontal health:

Describe the contradictory role assigned to Th1 vs Th2



#### Conclusion

The authors should try, based on the literature review, to propose more precise and defined conclusions related to all the scientific evidence that exists in this regard.

### General comments to the manuscript:

A section is missing that explains which are the characteristics of the immune response that are associated with periodontal health and how the changes associated with periodontal disease occur, and that a figure shows us these changes.

The description of the progression of periodontitis in relation to the changes posed to the different types of TL, which are associated with periodontitis

It is pointed out that it is of relevance for patients, since it could have a future therapeutic modality, but there is no detailed description of that

It is good to describe the relationship that could exist with the predominance of a certain immune response associated with a type of LT and the type of response to periodontal treatment

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Authors' response

#### **REVIEWERS COMMENTS AND CHANGES MADE:**

COMMENTS	CLARIFICATIONS
Abstract:	
To include in the background other different types of LT, there are several other types of LT linked to health or periodontal disease.	The different types of T cells have been included.
Relevance for patients	Has been modified as suggested.
It is also relevant, the contribution in predicting the loss of	
insertion or poor result after periodontal treatment and how	
the progression of periodontitis is affected	
Introduction	
I believe it is necessary to include the different types of LT	Has been modified as suggested and the
that we can associate with periodontal health or and the types	development of explanation for the topic
of LT associated with periodontal disease.	has been started in introduction as
	suggested.
Start the development of the explanation as the author sees it	
would be that wind of change from health to disease	
T helper cells:	
It is of interest to include the latest studies related to the role	
of Th9 and Th22 in the presence and development of	Has been modified and updated.



periodontitis, so that we have an updated view of the role of all types of Th cells.	
T cells in Periodontal health:  Describe the contradictory role assigned to Th1 vs Th2	The Th1/Th2 paradigm has been included as suggested under this heading. Further, the contradictory role of Th1, Th2 cytokines have been explained under the section Th1/Th2 reciprocity.
Conclusion  The authors should try, based on the literature review, to propose more precise and defined conclusions related to all the scientific evidence that exists in this regard.	Has been modified as suggested
General comments to the manuscript:  A section is missing that explains which are the characteristics of the immune response that are associated with periodontal health and how the changes associated with periodontal disease occur, and that a figure shows us these changes.	The respective explanation and figure included
The description of the progression of periodontitis in relation to the changes posed to the different types of TL, which are associated with periodontitis	The different types of T cells and their function in transition from health to periodontitis explained
It is pointed out that it is of relevance for patients, since it could have a future therapeutic modality, but there is no detailed description of that	Included as a separate section
It is good to describe the relationship that could exist with the predominance of a certain immune response associated with a type of LT and the type of response to periodontal treatment	Mentioned as suggested

3<sup>rd</sup> Editorial decision

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Dear authors,

I am pleased to inform you that your manuscript has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Clinical and Translational Research.

The only two requests I have is that you change the title to "T CELL SUBSETS AS REGULATORS OF PERIODONTAL HEALTH AND DISEASE" and improve the



linguistics in the proof corrections.

You will receive the proofs of your article shortly, which we kindly ask you to thoroughly review for any errors.

Thank you for submitting your work to JCTR.

Kindest regards,

Michal Heger Editor-in-Chief Journal of Clinical and Translational Research

Comments from the editors and reviewers: