

Journal Of Minimum Intervention In Dentistry

Instructions for authors

1. Aims and Scope

The 'Journal of Minimum Intervention in Dentistry' is an international online journal, with the aim of promoting the publication and indexing of submissions in the field of Minimum Intervention (MI) in dentistry.

The journal will publish clinical case reports in English, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese on the topics of

(a) Risk assessment

Risk assessment includes the measurement and quantification of e.g. caries-contributing factors, such as bacteria count (chairside tests), saliva characteristics (saliva tests), including examination of saliva glands and viscosity. Information on dietary habits and the absence or presence of fluoride or any other intervention which may assist in detecting caries risk.

(b) Early diagnosis

Including any procedure assisting in early disease detection, e.g. for caries detection the use of Laser fluorescence, Quantitative light-induced fluorescence (QLF); FOTI; Magnification.

(c) Minimally-invasive treatment

Including a wide range of therapies such as: Air abrasion; Atraumatic Restorative Treatment (ART); CPP-ACP; Chlorhexidine treatment; Glass ionomer cement application (GIC); Laser treatment; Ozone therapy; Silver diammine fluoride application; Sono abrasion; Topical fluoride application; Triclosan application.

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State whether the case is unique or has an unusual diagnosis, prognosis, therapy?

Explain how the case contributes to scientific knowledge.

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Describe the history, examination and investigations adequately. Is the cause of the patient's illness clear-cut? What, if any, are other plausible explanations?

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Report a literature review of similar cases. Describe how the case differs from or is in line with others cases.

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In the future, could things be done differently in a similar case?

1 Adopted from: Sorinola O, Olufowobi O, Coomarasamy A, Khan KS. Instructions to authors for case reporting are limited: A review of a core journal list. BMC Medical Education 2004; 4:4.

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