



Oral Health and Host Related Environmental Factors in Periodontal Status

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Message from the Guest Editor

Periodontal disease is a common oral disease caused by poor oral hygiene behaviour and host-related environmental factors (e.g. oral bacterial, immune responses, salivary status, systemic factors, obesity, smoking status, lifestyle, etc.). According to the WHO definition, oral health is “a state of being free from chronic mouth and facial pain, oral and throat cancer, oral infection and sores, periodontal (gum) disease, tooth decay, tooth loss, and other diseases and disorders that limit an individual’s capacity in biting, chewing, smiling, speaking, and psychosocial well-being.” Oral health is not only a key indicator of periodontitis prevention but also an important indicator of overall health. The environmental factors of the host play a crucial role in the prevalence and treatment outcome of periodontal disease. In this regard, researchers and clinical practitioners in this field are trying to find out advanced strategies to improve oral health and host environmental factors in periodontal status and its treatment outcome.





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