



SDI FINAL EVALUATION FORM 1.1

PART 1:

Journal Name:	British Microbiology Research Journal
Manuscript Number:	2014_BMRJ_14108
Title of the Manuscript:	Relationship between gingivitis and autism in children: A matched case-control study
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

PART 2:

FINAL EVALUATOR'S comments on revised paper (if any)	Authors' response to final evaluator's comments
The questions raised during the first review have not been answered satisfactorily. Please refer/consult this manuscript with a periodontist or pedodontist. Please refer the following: 1. Please mention where all did you check for plaque, gingival and calculus index. I mean which all teeth, how many surfaces per teeth. Because 14/43 cannot have full mouth gingival scores as "Zero". This can happen only in experimental totally aseptic conditions or immediately post scaling. Please explain. Ans given: We have a raw data which I can include but that very hard to include in table for autistic and non-autistic group as may not be the interest of reader. Results were summarise in statistical tables I would like to mention here that, it was not the raw data I was asking for, I wanted to know how many surfaces per tooth had been checked for the plaque and gingival diseases. Was only buccal/lingual surface checked??Or all the 6 sites per tooth had been checked??i again want to repeat that 6 surfaces per tooth checked for full mouth, no patient without scaling can have full mouth indices as Zero. Please explain your method and justify your results. 2. No statistical tests have been done using microbiological data. Why so? Also please clarify whether microbiological tests where done in just autistic group or both groups? Ans given: Manuscript is on calculus and gingival index so we took out this half information from paper as study is still progressing It leaves the reader confused, when you present a data, but don't consider it in your results and discussion. Either add your microbiological data in results or remove them totally. 3. Please elaborate your discussion. Discuss your findings in detail and justify the results of your study. 4. Do not write calculi, please edit it to calculus.	1.To check the gingival status, all the sites of Ramford;s teeth (#16,#21,#24,#36.#41,and#44) were taken into consideration. 2. As per advice, we have removed microbiological data from manuscript. 3. Noted with thanks. We will elaborate discussion 4. Calculi is replaced with calculus.