

Reviewer's report

Title: High prevalence of extrapyramidal signs and symptoms in a group of Italian dental technicians

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General

The authors have been very responsive to the previous set of comments and the revised manuscript is greatly improved.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

None.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. The postural tremor is not well characterized. The reader has no sense of the severity of the tremor. There are a variety of standardized tremor rating scales that could be used to rate the tremor. Also, it is not clear whether there was any kinetic tremor in addition to the postural tremor. Finally, it is not clear why the tremor was not diagnosed as ET. Was it too mild?

2. The limitations section should be expanded into a full paragraph in the discussion in which the authors detail and discuss several of the pertinent limitations (no control group is a limitation, no assessment of exposure level, no workplace measures or biological measures of exposure, and no formal screen for ET).

3. In the introduction, there still remains the suggestion that there are only two studies linking heavy metals with PD. This is not the case. Rather than writing "In particular, two case-control studies...", I think they should write "Numerous case-control studies...". Then, instead of referring to the "first study" and "second study", they should refer to "One study" and "Another study".

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.