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Manuscript Submission Checklist

General formatting guidelines

Are the manuscript files (cover page, article, Acknowledgments, figure captions, and tables) in a Microsoft Word-compatible file format?

Are the manuscript files double spaced with 1-inch margins?

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Abstract

Does the abstract explain the objective and/or background, design and methods, primary results, and principal conclusions?

Is the explanation limited to the important aspects of the research or clinical report?

Is the abstract limited to 250 words?

Are the key words (if any) limited to 5 or fewer?

Body of text

Has all identifying information been removed from the manuscript?

Are Acknowledgments (if any) listed in a separate document?

Do the headings match the headings listed on *General Dentistry's* Information for Authors page?

Does the Materials and methods section include information about institutional review and/or informed consent if human subjects were involved?

Is the Materials and methods section written in paragraph form rather than as a list of steps?

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Does the manuscript fall within the range of minimum-maximum allowable word count (1500-6000 words)?

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Does the reference list format follow the style guidelines of the *AMA Manual of Style*?

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Are any direct quotations from another source enclosed in quotation marks?

Are the references current to ensure relevance to contemporary research and clinical practice (in most cases, no more than 5 years old)?

Acknowledgments file

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Are the images clear and sharply focused?

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Are all included figures relevant and necessary?

Have redundant figures and charts been eliminated?

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