

## Still the role of *Prevotella corporis* in oral and nonoral diseases is not clear?

Dear Sir,

*Prevotella corporis* (*P. corporis*) is a Gram-negative, anaerobic bacilli that is present in the mouth and other sites of the human body.<sup>[1,2]</sup> There are many bacteria that are involved in oral diseases either directly or indirectly.<sup>[3-5]</sup> Possibly there are many bacteria which are not identified at the present time, and maybe different microorganisms, including new bacteria, might be introduced in the future by scientists and researchers. In this letter to the editor, I would like to bring to your attention the point that I have mentioned in the past, that the role of *P. corporis* is not clear in oral diseases.<sup>[6]</sup> Still, the question remains about where it comes from into the mouth actually? What causes infection in the mouth? Whether the infection is caused by *P. corporis* alone or other bacteria such as *Porphyromonas gingivalis* (*P. gingivalis*) and *Prevotella intermedia* (*P. intermedia*) or *Prevotella nigrescens* (*P. nigrescens*), or other oral bacteria such as *Fusobacteria spp*, *Peptostreptococci* are also involved.<sup>[7]</sup> Anyway, the role of *P. corporis* is still unclear, perhaps for the lack of organism isolation, keeping them in the laboratories, or

other reasons. The further studies may hopefully clear different aspects of these black-pigmented bacteria. Different health measures may be introduced for the prevention of the disease which is caused by *P. corporis*; thus, we look forward to see what is to happen in this field based on research data on *P. corporis*.

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