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- 2 Oral health is an integral part of general health, and oral diseases have a significant impact 3 on the quality of life and lead to higher healthcare costs (1). Oral health and general health
- are associated (2), as well as oral health-related and health-related quality of life (3). Man
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- 6 either be the first, only or even the most severe manifestation of a systemic disease, 2 additionally oral health orablems can be a leading cause in a deterioration in quality of II6- (4).
- 8 Different untreated oral diseases can lead to tooth loss, which affects self-rated general
- 9 health (2) not to mention the ability to eat, speak and interact with people. Although oral 10 health problems usually do not represent health emergencies, they prolong the state of pain
- and suffering, and cause-functional, aesthetic, nutritional and psychological problems (5).
- 12 Periodontitis, which is one of the most prevalent oral diseases, could be a potential 13 contribution risk factor for a wide array of clinically important systemic diseases, such as
- 14 cardiovascular diseases, autoimmune disorders, pregnancy complications as well as
- 15 diabetes mellitus (DM) (6). The main factor for developing periodontitis is formation of
- 16 bacterial plaque on tooth surfaces. However, some studies also suggest that poor glycaemic 17 control is associated with higher risk for developing periodontitis (7). On the other hand,
- 18 conventional periodontal treatment (scaling and root planning) results in a statistically
- 19 significant reduction in glycated haemoglobin levels (8).

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