
To the Editor: We wish to retract our article Association Between Periodontal Disease and Subclinical Atherosclerosis: The ELSA-Brasil Study, published in CSP in May 2012. Contrary to the article’s title and methodology as described, the data did not come from the ELSA-Brasil study [Brazilian Longitudinal Study of Adult Health], but were collected independently and with different objectives. Thus, the article is not a supplementary study to the ELSA-Brasil study and should not be referred to as such. The point in common between this study and ELSA-Brasil is that the study population in both consists of employees from a public university in the State of Espírito Santo, Brazil. However, the points and methodology for measuring the intima-media thickness (IMT) were different from those adopted by ELSA-Brasil. The authors apologize to the Executive Board of the ELSA-Brasil study and to the Editor and readers of Cadernos de Saúde Pública for this error.

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