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## Oral health status of the professional soccer players in Thailand

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## **Abstrak**

Objectives: To evaluate the oral health status of the professional soccer players in Thailand. Methods: Twenty-five

Thailand professional soccer players' oral conditions were examined and included in this study. DMFT, Quigley

& Hein plaque index (PI), Löe & Silness gingival index, World Health Organization malocclusion index, pocket

depth, TMJ examination and history of dental trauma were recorded. Results: The results demonstrated poor oral

health level including dental caries (84%), DMFT score mean was 10.08, dental attrition (60%) and periodontal

pocket (36%). Thirty percent of all players presented bruxism. More than 40% of athletes were bothered by their

oral health with 28% reporting an impact on quality of life and 18% on training and performance.

Conclusion: The

oral health of Thai professional soccer players was poor that may result in negative impact on well-being, training

and performance. As oral health is an important element of overall health and well-being, health promotion is

required to optimize soccer player performance.