Reviewer's report

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Thank you for the authors' response to the referee comments. I agree that the study sample is small and biased and do not understand how this could be compensated for by a certain theory such as GT. However, I still believe the article could be published as a pilot attitude study to raise concern in the medical society regarding these crucial and growing issues. Important complements have been included in the article due to the referee process. I am glad to hear that a national PEG-inventory study is now in progress in Japan. One minor concern: In the last section of the abstract, the word "provide" is used four times; this should be re-written.