Reviewer’s report

Title: Factors associated with dental caries among institutionalized residents with schizophrenia in Taiwan: a cross-sectional study

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This version of the manuscript is clearly better than the previous ones. I still want the authors to consider the following minor essential revisions.

The authors call their independent variables "potential". What exactly is meant by potential here?

Different terms have been used for the family of response variables describing different aspects of the occurrence of dental caries. These include "the criteria of dental caries indexes", "dental caries indexes", "the criteria for the dental caries index","the dental caries index". In my opinion, none of them is satisfactory. Criteria are no variables; they are principles that have been used to construct variables/indexes. An index is an instrument. No correlations can be calculated for indexes; the correlations are for index values.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.