Reviewer’s report

Title: Taste hyposensitivity in Japanese schoolchildren.

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Reviewer: Shiho Kino

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Major Compulsory Revisions
Nothing particular.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. On the line 5 of page 8, "and" needs between "(7th-9th grade)" and "6.3%".
2. On the line 2 of page 11, "et al" should be italic, or others have to be changed.
3. On the first line of page 12, "7" should not be superscript.

Discretionary Revisions
1. Is the first paragraph of page 9 shown in a table? It may be useful to read if there is a table for this analysis.
2. On the line 9 of page 11, 28.8% or 16.2% of participated children are not many, so it may be better to use different words although I understand that it is "many" if you compare with other graders.
3. The sentence in the line 10 of page 11 seems too strong to state. It may be better to use hedging.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.