Reviewer’s report

Title: Low birth weight, preterm birth or small-for-gestational-age are not associated with dental caries in young Japanese children

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Reviewer: Jonathan Broadbent

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I disagree with the authors appraisal of Table 1. If presenting a comparison table by birthweight and preterm-birth it would give the reader the opportunity to see the association between those variable. The authors could then include an 'overall column' in the table as a description of the entire sample.

In my view, presentation of single-column table data is not informative and would be better presented as text (it would also take up less space in the finished paper).

I have no further comments on the revised manuscript.

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

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.