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Dear Editors:

BMC Oral Health covers several topics of high interest for the dental profession. On this occasion we are submitting our article entitled: “Validation of the Spanish version of the Oral Health Impact Profile (OHIP-14Sp) in elderly Chileans”, to be considered for publication in BMC Oral Health.

Please accept our submission to be considered by peer reviewers. This study was aimed at validating the Spanish language abbreviated version comprising 14 questions of a standard tool intended to evaluate Oral Health-Related Quality of Life; the OHIP-49. Furthermore, we carried out a cultural adaptation of the instrument in Chilean elders. Our results indicated that the presence of caries, the need for complex periodontal treatment, prosthetic needs and age younger than 70 years-old, appear to be associated with higher OHIP-14Sp scores.

We believe that these results will result of interest, not only for Spanish speaking researchers, but also to any researcher or clinician dealing with the topic of quality of life and oral health. We think, therefore, that our article will be a relevant contribution to readers of your prestigious journal.

This manuscript in its submitted form has been read and approved by all authors.

Yours sincerely,

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