Reviewer's report

Title: Periodontal status and related variables: A cross-sectional feasibility study of the German National Cohort

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Although these are only data from a feasibility study, and the sample size is, therefore, relatively small, the data are worth to be published. In general the paper is well written and straightforward.

There are only two minor essential comments:

1. Please be more precise in the wording in the abstract. It reads: “Periodontitis was significantly related with …, leukocytes (p=0.04), ….”, which makes no sense. The same wording is used in the discussion. Please rephrase.

2. Please give information about the recruiting process and the participating characteristics: How many individuals from the sample were called, how many agreed to participate, how many participated and so on.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no conflict of interest