Reviewer's report

Title: Behavioral factors to include in guidelines for lifelong oral healthiness: an observational study in Japanese adults

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General

The authors seem to have revised the manuscript carefully and in accordance with the reviewers' comments. I still have some considerations before the article could be accepted for publication. The authors should consider the following: 1) Language/misprinting correction is needed throughout the whole manuscript. The authors should consult a person with English as mother tongue, 2) Information on where the dental health examination was performed is still lacking, 3) the chapter considering statistical analysis needs comments on the actual analyses utilized, 4) When discussing correlates of toothloss/number of remaining teeth some recent publications could be referred to - see for instance Kida et al., BMC Oral Health 2006; 6:5. available at www.biomedicalcentral.com/1472-6831-6-5

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct):

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

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I have no competing interests