Reviewer’s report

Title: Assessment of oral self-care in patients with periodontitis: A pilot study in a dental school clinic in Japan

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The aim of the present study is "to assess self-care related behaviors and perceptions of patients with periodontitis usin a short questionnaire ..."

Minor essential revisions:

In the discussion, the propable effect of age (great age variation) on the results of the study has to be added to the paragraph "weaknesses of the study".  

The advantage and future utilization of the questionnaire used here (Table 1) should be discussed as well.

The references used for Table 1 could be added to the table as footnote.

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.