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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Most of the questions are sufficiently answered
Only one major revision: the first part of question 7 and question 9 are not answered. It is still unclear how to interpret the mean PCR (remember, the PCR was described in the section 'methods' as a dichotomized 'yes' or 'no' variable).
In table 2 the item is given by 'PCR (%)', but the reference at the foot of the table mentions 'mean + SD'. It is really impossible to interpret these results.

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'