Reviewer’s report

**Title:** The oral mucosal surface and blood vessels.

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**Reviewer:** Sascha Topolinski

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This is an interesting basic research study assessing the surface area of the oral mucosa innovatively taking into account the true surface area of the tongue enlarged by its papillae. I deem this to be an important contribution to the field. Both the methods and analyses are appropriate, and the manuscript is written in a clear and succinct fashion.

I recommend Minor Essential Revisions and I have only very few minor copy-edit suggestions.

Minor points

p. 4: there is one instance of „dosal“ instead of „dorsal“
p. 4: “don” instead of “done”

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.