Reviewer's report

Title: Is self-reported toothbrushing frequency a reliable indicator for the assessment of oral hygiene in epidemiological studies on caries in adolescents? A cross-sectional study

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Discretionary Revisions
1. Methods: Page 7: Line 6: Is the single examiner for the clinical examinations blinded to toothbrush frequency and salivary examinations? If not, there may be a possibility to cause observational bias.

2. Results: Page 9: Line 7-10: Table 1 showed the association of each variable with DMFT. Therefore, it seems that this sentence about the relationship between household income and each variable is not relevant to Table 1.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.