Reviewer's report

Title: Current status of collaborative relationships between dialysis facilities and dental facilities in Japan: results of a nationwide survey

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Minor Essential Revisions:
The premise of this cross sectional study is not entirely clear from the stand point of care of the dialysis patients in North America or Europe where such collaborations (with dental facilities) are not known to exist. Adding some background info would be helpful for a reader outside Japan and Hong Kong.

It is not entirely clear as to the need for such a study. References to existing understanding of the extent of the problem associated with poor dental care in dialysis patients would have helped to highlight the importance of this study.

Additionally, do dialysis patients in Japan also see a primary care physician? If so does this physician play a role in the oral health care of these patients?

Since dialysis patients are seldom advised about oral health by dialysis providers because preventive dental care is not a primary consideration, it would have been also interesting to know what the barriers are to successfully providing preventive dental care to dialysis patients. Did the authors consider this question when designing the survey? Could this have been included in the cross sectional survey?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests