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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1) Major compulsory revisions: The manuscript is of interest because it proposes a link between dental care and outcomes of patients on dialysis. That link would be strengthened if we had information on outcomes--or surrogate outcomes--for dialysis patients who receive dental care versus those who do not receive dental care.

The manuscript should include information on inflammatory markers, namely serum albumin, ferritin, and CRP if available for patients followed in clinics with dental facilities versus those followed in clinics without dental facilities.

2) Discretionary revisions: The figures and tables are too many for the amount of data presented. These should be consolidated into fewer figures and tables.

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.