Reviewer’s report

Title: Relationship between oral environment and frailty among older adults dwelling in a rural Japanese community: A cross-sectional observational study

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Reviewer: Tufayl Muslim

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This is a well-written paper, which is part of a greater study, and can lead to a positive contribution in the development of oral health management protocols and courses of care for geriatric and frail persons. The need for improved oral hygiene care, especially in the case of frail persons where such care may be delivered by caregivers, is highlighted in this study. It would have been beneficial if the study distinguished between those participants who had caregivers versus those who did not. I recommend that the study be accepted, provided that there be consistency in the referencing section (e.g. in some instances abbreviations for journal titles are used, whilst in other instances full titles are used).

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