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Re: Prevalence and relevant factors of halitosis in Chinese patients: A clinical research

This is an interesting study about halitosis and related factors. The manuscript is well written and merits publication.

Minor revisions:

* In the title, I recommend to replace the word "patients" with "subjects".

* The title of the manuscript should be consistent with the aim of the study. Please indicate in the aim of the study that you aim also to study the prevalence of halitosis among Chinese subjects.

* In Table 5, I think that the statistical comparison in the following systemic conditions is not adequate in this sample due to the imbalance between the number of subjects who have the systemic disease and those who are free of the same condition:

- Gastroesophageal reflux
- Belching
- Trachitis
- Nephropathy
- Diabetes
It is recommended to consider this point in the discussion. The results in Table 5 show no association between diabetes, for example, and halitosis. However, this is inappropriate conclusion due to the low number of subjects with diabetes in the study population (2%).

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