Author’s response to reviews

Title: The effect of missing teeth on dementia in older people: A nationwide population-based cohort study in South Korea

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Re: Your submission to BMC Oral Health - OHEA-D-18-00519R1

Sadeq Ali Al-Maweri
Associate Editor BMC Oral Health

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Dear Dr. Sadeq Ali Al-Maweri:

Thank you for the opportunity to revise our manuscript, The effect of missing teeth on dementia in older people: A nationwide population-based cohort study in South Korea. We appreciate the careful review and constructive suggestions. It is our belief that the manuscript is substantially improved after making the suggested edits.

Following this letter are the editor and reviewer comments with our responses, including how and where the text was modified. The revision has been developed in consultation with all coauthors, and each author has given approval to the final form of this revision.

We hope the revised version is now suitable for publication and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Jin-Joo Yoo, MS.

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Abstract:

In the background of the abstract the word "between" can be better replaced by the word "among"

: We accepted your kind suggestion and rewrote this sentence (line 25 page 2).

Methods:

- The study design section should be moved up right after the main heading.

: We accepted your kind suggestion and moved study design section right after the main heading (line 87 page 4).

- Please follow STROBE guidelines, and please include STROBE checklist as an attachment.

: We attached STROBE checklist as an attachment.

- No explicit mention about inclusion and exclusion criteria

: We have already described the inclusion and exclusion criteria in Research subjects section (line 96 page 5). Detailed inclusion criteria for the presence or absence of diseases and treatments were described in the Operational definition of diseases (line 129 page 6).

- Please mention the exposure as well as outcome variables as a separate subheading.

: We accepted your kind suggestion and added a subsection named Variables (line 114 page 2).

- Please mention how dementia was evaluated

: We accepted your kind suggestion and attached an additional file with the evaluation criteria for dementia (line 236 page 16).

- Tables 1-5 should be attached as supplementary tables
: We accepted your kind suggestion and attached previous tables 1-5 as additional files.

Results: Please summarize the demographic data of the cohort (The mean age if available, age range, and gender).

: We accepted your kind suggestion and added information on age (line 155- page 7). We have already described the information on gender in Table 1 (line 176 page 8).

Discussion:

- the first paragraph should be a summary of the key findings of the study.

: We accepted your kind suggestion and summarized the key findings of the study in the first paragraph of the discussion (line 217- page 15).

Tables:

As stated above, plz move tab 1-5 and re-number other tables

: We accepted your kind suggestion, attached previous tables 1-5 as additional files and re-numbered other tables.