Reviewer’s report

Title: Dental Care Use by Immigrant Canadians in Ontario: a cross sectional analysis of the 2014 Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS)

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Reviewer: Gerardo Maupome

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The manuscript "Dental care use by immigrant Canadians in Ontario...." is a simple, well-designed report that offers an overview of two important dental experiences in a large segment of the Canadian population. As one of the largest provinces in Canada, the importance of barriers and features in access to care is an useful addition to the state of knowledge.

The manuscript would benefit from addressing a few major and minor comments.

MAJOR:
The presentation of the multivariable analysis is odd. This reviewer recommends this is evaluated by a statistician to verify completeness and clarity of results in Table 2.

The manuscript was likely assembled in its different parts by authors with various levels of English proficiency. The Discussion is parsimonious, on target, and comprehensive on the whole. The Introduction has some odd syntax in various sentences; in some cases, the choice of words is almost correct but not completely. Eg, corollary for consequence, counterpart for counterparts (or peers), publically for publicly, across for throughout, and so on. A detailed review by an editor is warranted.

P. 10, line 11. The authors ought to consider whether an alternative or complementary explanation is that people in that type of occupation (no insurance) are pre-selected from a group with a dental culture in which episodic dental care is the dominant view of dental care.

P. 11, line 6. The authors ought to consider that a more finely grained disassembly of acculturation levels, health behaviors, and alcohol use may be necessary to explain the association found with alcohol use.

MINOR:

What is social support mitigation?
Reserves are Aboriginal reservations? This reviewer is unsure this is the appropriate noun to be used. Please clarify what the response options were for intervals of time since last seen a dentist; the response options are not mutually exclusive. Ie, 1-2 years, 2-3 years, etc.
Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

Yes

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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Yes

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Yes

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