Reviewer’s report

Title: Number of natural teeth, denture use and mortality in Chinese elderly: A population-based prospective cohort study

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The manuscript has been considerably improved. However, the sentence "We did not include an induction period in the primary results as most previous studies, since it may also lead to selection bias." is not true. I see that quite differently. An induction period would strengthen an exposure-outcome relationship between not using dentures and mortality. Therefore, a selection bias by using that is rather unlikely. I recommend shortening the sentence to "Therefore, we did not include an induction period in the primary results as most previous studies." Thereafter, the manuscript could be accepted for publication.

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