Reviewer’s report

Title: Oxidative stress levels and oral bacterial milieu in the saliva from pregnant vs. non-pregnant women

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Reviewer: Takayuki Maruyama

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Page 5, lines 129-131: Oxidative stress in saliva in association with bacterial milieu in pregnant women has not been reported. So, why did you focus on only Streptococcus mutans (SM) and Lactobacillus (LB)? Did you focus on SM and LB because these are major bacteria in the saliva of pregnant women? Or, did you focus on these oral bacteria based on the previous study of the association between dental caries and oxidative stress in saliva? I think it is unclear why you chose these oral bacteria when making your hypothesis based on the introduction. Please describe about this concern in the "Introduction" section.

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