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Title: Socioeconomic-related inequalities in oral hygiene behaviors: A cross-sectional analysis of the PERSIAN Cohort Study

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Dear Editor

Re: Resubmission of the manuscript ID OHEA-D-19-00677R2

It is with excitement that we resubmit to you a revised version of the manuscript entitled "Socioeconomic-related inequalities in oral hygiene behaviors? A cross-sectional analysis of the PERSIAN Cohort Study” to MBC Oral Health. The manuscript has certainly benefited from the insightful revision suggestions. We have revised the manuscript according to the editor comments. We thank the editor for the suggestions and comments.

Thank you again for the opportunity to revise and resubmit our paper to MBC Oral Health.

Sincerely,
Farid Najafi,

Technical Comments:

Editor Comments:

1. Title page

Please note that the title page should:

- present the title that includes, if appropriate, the study design
- list the full names, institutional addresses and email addresses for ALL authors
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Response: Thank you for your feedback. We revised the title page based on this comment. Institutional addresses and email addresses for ALL authors were included. It can be seen in the title page, the first part of the manuscript.

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If consent was not required, please include a statement on whether the need for consent was waived by an IRB or if national guidelines have established that studies such as this doesn’t require consent, in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section.

Please clarify whether permission was obtained to access the PERSIAN cohort study data, in the Ethics approval and consent to participate section. Additionally, please also clarify whether this data is publically available. If so please provide a link to this data in the Availability of Data and Materials section.

Response: Thank you. Based on this comment we revised the Ethics approval and consent section. We added some explanation about the consent, availability and permission to access data. It can be seen in the Ethics approval and consent section line 4, 5 and 6.

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Response: Thank you. The author contribution section was revised based on this comment. We included the individual contributions of *each* author, in the Authors Contributions section. It can be seen in the author contribution section.

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