Reviewer’s report

Title: Dental hygienists’ perceptions of professionalism are multidimensional and context-dependent: A qualitative study in Japan

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This paper describes qualitative research related to professionalism in dental hygiene based on semi-structured interviews of dental hygienists working in university hospital settings. The framework of this study was based on that of Van de Camp et al. Findings were informative for the profession and provided a perspective for how dental hygienists can be further educated. The study itself was illuminating and could be expanded for future research using dental hygienists in work in clinical dental practice settings versus the university setting. The paper is well written and described. It is certainly publication worthy.

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