Reviewer's report

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The manuscript has been revised well based on the reviewers’ comments. Concerning comment 1, the authors replied that tongue cleaning and mouth-rinsing had been performed in the morning and at night, and therefore that oral malodor had been measured from 2 pm to 5 pm to evaluate the prolonged effect of mouth-rinsing rather than the 4-hour short-term effect of mouth-rinsing. Although I think that the prolonged effect of mouth-rinsing could have been assessed by malodor level that had been measured in the morning without rinsing mouth after waking up in the inspection day, I surmised that there had been probably also another situation and understood the author’s explanation. Please add the time (i.e., morning and night) of rinsing mouth to Materials & Methods.

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Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.