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Additional file 1
The Japanese study questionnaire (The original questionnaire was in Japanese.)
Group B – Patient
"Caries Prevention"
1 Tooth-decay does not affect all people universally, but some get tooth-decay easily and others do not
even though they practice the same preventive methods. Did you know that the probabilities (risk) of
getting tooth-decay differ from individual to individual?
Please choose only one of the following:
\square_{Yes}
$\square_{ m No}$
2 Generally speaking, what do you think is (are) the reason(s) for susceptibility (risk) of getting
tooth-decay?
Please choose all that apply.
□Not brushing your teeth properly
☐Bad eating habit
☐Having naturally 'weak teeth'
□Not visiting the dentist for a dental maintenance programme (check-ups and cleaning)
□Not using fluoride
Having particular bacteria in the mouth that contribute to the development of dental decay
Low saliva flow rate
□Low quality of saliva
Other (please specify):
3 Do you think that you are at high susceptibility (risk) of getting tooth-decay?
Please choose only one of the following:
\square_{Yes}
\square_{No}
☐I do not know
4 In the dental practice where you visit, do they conduct a custom-made tooth-decay prevention and
instruction programme based particularly on your tooth-decay susceptibility (risk) as determined by
an assessment of your personal risk by examining contents and frequency of diet, asking use
of fluorides, performing saliva tests and so on?
Please choose only one of the following:
\square_{Yes}
$\square_{ m No}$

4-2	2 If "Yes", would you recommend such a personalised caries prevention programme to your
far	nily or friends?
Ple	ease choose only one of the following:
	Definitely would
	Probably would
	Neutral
	Probably would not
	Definitely would not
4-3	If "No", what is (are) the main reason(s) for you not receiving such a custom-made
too	oth-decay prevention programme?
Ple	ease choose all that apply.
	Cost
	Time
	I did not know about them.
	My dentist does not do.
	They are not necessary.
	Other
5 Do you	go to the dentist for a dental maintenance programme (check-ups and cleaning)?
Please cho	oose only one of the following:
\square_{Yes}	
\square_{No}	
5-2	2 If "Yes", would you recommend a dental maintenance programme (check-ups and
cle	aning) to your family and friends?
Ple	ease choose only one of the following:
	Definitely would
	Probably would
	Neutral
	Probably would not
	Definitely would not
5-3	If "No", what is (are) the main reason(s) for you not attending the dentists for the dental
ma	nintenance programme?
Ple	ease choose all that apply.
	Cost
	Time
	I did not know about them.
	My dentist does not do.

\Box They are not no	ecessary.							
Other								
6 How strongly do you agree with these statements?								
Please choose the appropriate response for each item:								
	Strongly	Somewhat	Neither agree	Somewhat	Strongly			
	agree	agree	nor disagree	disagree	disagree			
Overall, I am satisfied								
with all aspects of my								
dental treatment or								
maintenance								
programme or both.								
Caries risk								
assessment should be								
included in the								
insurance system.								
The more I visit the								
dentist for check-up,								
the more teeth, I								
think, are drilled.								
As people are more								
interested in								
prevention than								
before, some dental								
practices use it only								
for advertisements								
and perform								
ineffective prevention								
programmes.								
If the general public								
demand strongly,								
dentistry will be								
driven to change.								

☐I cannot find a reliable dentist.

"Promoting Scientific Assessment in Prevention of Tooth Decay and Gum Disease (PSAP)
7 Did you know about the PSAP?
Please choose only one of the following:
Yes
No
7-2 If "Yes", how did you hear about the NPO?
Please choose only one of the following:
☐My dentist
☐Books, journals
The website
Social networking (Twitter, Facebook)
☐Through an acquaintance
Other
7-3 If "Yes", are you a member of the PSAP?
Please choose only one of the following:
\square_{Yes}
\square_{No}
8 Are you interested in activities of the PSAP?
Please choose only one of the following:
Strongly yes
Somewhat yes
Neither yes nor no
Somewhat no
Not at all

"Finally"
Gender
Please choose only one of the following:
Female
□Male
Age
Please choose only one of the following:
\Box 19 or less than 19
\square_{20-29}
\square 30-39
\Box 40-49
□50-59
\Box 60 or more than 60
Are you a dental professional (dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant and dental technician)?
Please choose only one of the following:
☐I am not a dental professional.
☐I am a dental professional.
Today's Date
Please enter a date:
Thank you very much. Please make sure if you answer all the questions.
Please don't hesitate to give us any comment.