Table 1. Frequency distribution of independent variables and their categories (n = 129)

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| **Variables** | **Categories (code)** | **N (%)** |
| Age (yrs) | 60 – 7070 – 8080 or more | 111 (86.0)15 (11.6)3 (2.3) |
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| Gendler | MaleFemale | 36 (27.9)93 (72.1) |
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| Annual household income | More than $7.000Less than $7.000 | 48 (37.2)81 (62.8) |
|  |  |  |
| Education level | More than High schoolHigh school or less | 51 (39.5)78 (60.5) |
|  |  |  |
| Dentate status | < 5 missing teeth5 + missing teeth | 51 (39.5)78 (60.5) |
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| Frequency of dental visits | 1 + times per year< 1 times per year | 78 (60.5)51 (39.5) |