

Reviewer's report

Title: Immigrant-Native Differences in Caries-related Knowledge, Attitude, and Oral Health Behaviors: a Cross-sectional Study in Taiwan

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Comments

I would like to thank the authors the opportunity for reviewing the manuscript entitled "Immigrant-Native Differences in Caries-related Knowledge, Attitude, and Oral Health Behaviors: a Cross-sectional Study in Taiwan". It is a good cross sectional study conducted in Asia.

Major Compulsory Revisions

1. On page #5, conclusion of abstract is somewhat vague. If this study assessed immigrant-native differences in oral health behaviors of urban mothers and their children, its is necessary to point out how these gaps between these two groups were (high, low...)
 2. On page #6, "Dental caries affects general health and the quality of life in preschool children". How?
 3. On page #7, "The risk factors for preschool children with caries experience were associated with parental educational levels, parental attention to the child's tooth-brushing habits, parental brushing habits, and frequency of sugar intake among parents". Authors could clarify the direction of association.
 4. On page#7, "We therefore used the baseline data of the LHA Program to understand the caries-related knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors among immigrant mothers and their preschool children". And about the native mothers?
 5. On page#8, "The data of immigrants were collected from 20 communities selected from a list of 87 urban communities in Kaohsiung (...)" . Maybe the authors could explain the reason for 20 communities specifically...
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3. On page #17, "Cultural differences in dental attendance and self-care practices of children and their parents have been reported in previous studies [15, 16]." . It could be good if authors explain more about this...

Minor Essential Revisions

1. On page NTD\$40,000 per month, whereas 73.1% of native mothers had household incomes over \$40,000 per month". I suggest that equivalence in

dollars could be presented.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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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