Reviewer’s report

Title: Oral and dental health care practices in pregnant women in Australia: a postnatal survey

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General
1. Why were women who needed an interpreter classified as ineligible to participate in the study? These women are likely to be socially isolated and belong to the population which need most of the medical attention regarding medical issues.
2. 80% of the participating women had completed at least secondary school, which makes this population a rather well-educated one with a better knowledge for periodontal disease.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
none

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

It is not stated if the dental care provided during pregnancy is covered by the insurance companies, if it is free of charge, or if the pregnant women have to pay for this service. This could be an independent factor whether these women seek dental advice and treatment or not (K. Dinas et al. Acta Obstetricia et Gynecologica. 2007; 86:938-44).

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
none

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable
Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.