Reviewer’s report

Title: Discriminative ability of the generic- and condition specific Child OIDP-results from the Limpopo - Arusha school health project (LASH): A cross-sectional study

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Authors have posed a relevant problem of pediatric health; the text is well written and organized in all its items. All my concerns have appropriately been addressed; this text is likely to represent a relevant contribution to child oral health.

I would like to have been informed which is the amplitude of age variation in the sample. I also propose a minor, discretionary correction in table 2, the categorization of the OHIP index was indicated as classifying children with <1 and >1. Even if no child had OHIP=1, I suppose that this possibility has to be included in the classification (as in the text). In reference 6, please substitute Oliveria by Oliveira.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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.