Reviewer's report

Title: Impact of treating dental caries on schoolchildren's anthropometric, dental, satisfaction and appetite outcomes: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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General remarks – manuscript entitled: 'Impact of treating dental caries on schoolchildren's anthropometric, dental, satisfaction and appetite outcomes: A Randomized Controlled Trial'

This is a randomized controlled trial on the impact of treating dental caries on schoolchildren's anthropometric, dental, satisfaction and appetite outcomes.

This is certainly a world wide relevant topic and the findings make a contribution to the scientific literature. The study design is adequate for the aim.

The manuscript is clearly written, organized and complete in its presentation with a good introduction, material and methods.

Results: relevant statistical methods have been used and they are adequately described.

The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and adequately supported by the data.

There are a few minor issues that require some revision.

Specific remarks - Material and methods:

1) According to the authors: "Severe dental caries was defined as having at least 2 teeth with pulpal involvement at enrolment". Some clarification is needed.

2) Reference WHO AnthroPlus software should be included in the measurements (page 7).

http://www.who.int/growthref/en/

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.