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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**Reviewer:** Amit Arora

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**General feedback**

The manuscript is generally well written and has a good team of authors.

**Major Compulsory revisions**

My only concerns which raises doubts on the results is the short term of the study. Usually RCT’s are longitudinal for a period of 3 years or more. In this case, it was only for 6 months, so it is a very short follow up to conclude on some findings.

Furthermore, I would question if the intervention would actually bring a change in anthropometric measures in a short time of six months. Anthropometric measures take a considerable time to develop and therefore researchers are unlikely to accept changes in a short time span.

I think the authors should consider these areas before submitting the revised version.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.