Reviewer's report

Title: Percutaneous injuries among dental professionals in Washington State

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Reviewer: Mary-Louise McLaws

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General
The manuscript reads well with the changes clarifying important issues. It is a shame that the database can
not be improved even with an imperfect denominator (such as dental hygienist, dental assistants & dentist
members of the LINDisand MIPS) to estimate at-risk days (assuming all work fulltime even though they
don't). This imperfect denominator, if used in the same way each year would provide an estimate in the
change in injury and seroconversions.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be
reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author
can be trusted to correct)
Typographical errors
Page 4 injry to 'injury'
Page 5 2nd paragraph, line 2. remove duplicate full stop

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests