Reviewer's report

**Title:** Do public health nurses in Norway promote oral health? A national survey.

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. A major problem with this study is the low response rate (44.8%). The authors need to elaborate on to what extend this influence the results of the study. Any kind of drop-out analysis would be welcome, e.g. did the response rate vary from clinic to clinic; did it vary by district; by size of the clinic; etc.

2. I think "A national survey" should be removed from the title

3. More information on how the questions for the questionnaire used in Study 1 was developed, e.g. was there a theoretical, conceptual frame work used as a basis for formulating the questions; was the questionnaire piloted and pretested; etc

Minor Essential Revisions

1. I think a careful language revision would improve this manuscript.

Discretionary Revisions

1. I think a more appropriate title would be: "Do public health nurses in Norway promote information on oral health."

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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