Reviewer's report

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

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This paper examines whether public nurses in Norway promote oral health. The research question is well defined and the methods appropriate and well described. The data collection was well executed but the response rate was disappointing and may raise issues regarding the generalisability of the findings. Therefore I feel that it may be better to rename the paper as it was not a national survey - 45% response rate and 116/259 nurses. The way to solve this is to undertake a drop-out analysis to help to solve the representativeness of the sample. The reader is presented with frequencies and I wondered why some more multivariant approach was undertaken. I feel that the paper would be improved if the authors would be willing to address the issue of representativeness and supplement the statistics with a multivariant approach.

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'