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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes
3. Are the data sound? Yes
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? The title should be amended to ‘Parental reports of the oral health-related quality of life of children with cerebral palsy’
9. Is the writing acceptable? Generally yes

This study describes a cross sectional survey of the impact of oral conditions on the daily lives of children with cerebral palsy as reported by their parents. While the paper is generally well written there are a few amendments that are required:

- Spelling errors include: ‘de’ instead of ‘the’ page 4, ‘Children’ instead of ‘children’ on page 9, 10 & 11, ‘Rood’ instead of ‘Rodd’ page 14,
- The sentences added to the discussion (end of second paragraph p10) needs to be reworded as it doesn’t make sense

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

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

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