Reviewer's report

Title: A molecular survey of S. mutans and P. gingivalis oral microbial burden in human saliva using Relative Endpoint Polymerase Chain Reaction (RE-PCR) within the population of a Nevada dental school revealed disparities among minorities.

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Reviewer: Ryota Nomura

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This revised version of the manuscript is now satisfactory regarding nearly all of the points raised by this reviewer. Only minor changes are needed, as described following.

1. The RE-PCR method used seems to be an important molecular biological technique for this study. However, RE-PCR method is likely unfamiliar to most of the readers of the journal, thus authors should include some explanation about this method in the Background section.

2. Table 1. The total numbers of Hispanic (n=331), Black (n=60), and Asian/other (n=8) subjects do not equal the total for Non-White (n=398) subjects. Please check again the number of subjects in each group.

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

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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