Reviewer's report

Title: Dental sealant knowledge, opinion, values and practice of Spanish dentists

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Reviewer: Alice Horowitz

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Methods
1. What was the total number of participants at the meeting?
2. What is the RR
3. Was this a paper/pencil survey or touch screen or ?
4. How did you get an equal distribution of respondents between the three provinces?

Minor Essential Revisions

Methods
1. This reviewer is not familiar with the way the literature search was illustrated in the manuscript. Authors may wish to eliminate and use words.

Tables
1. Suggest authors edit Table 1 to read something like: Mean scores of survey questions. And add a row across the top indicating: SD -----------SA. Otherwise we do not know what the means stand for.

Discretionary:

Discussion
1. In the first paragraph on page 11, 3 potential solutions are presented and the authors opt for number 3. I agree and you may if you have not already look up two articles by Ripa....they are old. But basically what he found was that students who were REQUIRED to be competent in applying sealants did use them in practice. Reimbursement is very important, but if you go thorough dental or dental school and only actually apply sealant material to one or two teeth you will not be very competent and therefore less likely to use them.

Further, other ways are to implement school-based sealant programs for appropriate ages along with a form of fluoride of course.

2. Please add a section on the limitations of your study....all studies even good ones have limitation.

3. Conclusions????????

I enjoyed reading your manuscript.
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.