Author's response to reviews

Title: Dental caries prevalence, oral health knowledge and practice among indigenous Chepang school children of Nepal.

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Dear Editor,

Kindly find below the changes I have made as advised by the reviewer.

Reviewer 2: Morenike Folayan

- Abstract - authors reported prevalence and dmft/DMFT but what we see is a-prevalence and one figure that represents the dmft/DMFT. The table 2 shows dmft and DMFT for the 2 age groups reported. It would be important to report these figures appropriately in the abstract.  
  
  Response: Corrections are made as advised.

- The 31% suffering from dental pain - is it limited to those who filled the questionnaire as I would assume so based on the methodology. So what was the age range for those who filled the questionnaire? The way this prevalence is reported does not reflect the age group with dental pain.  
  
  Response: The age range (8-16-year-olds) of the children has been mentioned in the result section

- Methodology says children in Grades 3-6 were examined. However the results states grade 3-5. Once again, what is important for the readers is the age of children reached in grade 3-5 (or 6) and not just the grade. This is not reported.  
  
  Response: Corrections has been made and age of children mentioned.

- Methodology states that attitude was assessed while this was not reported in the result section (expunged)  
  
  Response: The statement has been removed

- Methodology states that information on school absentees and food habits were asked but this was not reported in the result. Please delete from the methodology  
  
  Response: The sentence has been deleted.

- Please correct references - 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20  
  
  Response: References has been corrected.

- Table 3 - please report the percentages.  
  
  Response: Percentage reported

- Table 4 - label as Percentage of total subjects with knowledge on oral health issues. Use this model to also relabel table 5  
  
  Response: The tables has been labeled as advised.
I hope the changes made as advised is to the satisfaction of the reviewer and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,
Lonim.