Reviewer’s report

Title: Dental caries prevalence, knowledge, attitude and preventive practice on oral health among school children of Chepang communities in Nepal.

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Reviewer: Saul Paiva

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this article. The purpose of this study was to record the prevalence of dental caries, experience of dental pain, evaluate knowledge, attitude and preventive practices on oral health in Chepang school children. Chepangs are one of the most disadvantaged minority groups living in Nepal. This is a region of the world in need of epidemiological data to support public policies. However, I have some major concerns. Please refer to the sections below for some suggestions.

• There is no objective clearly presented in the last paragraph of the “introduction” section.
• The sample selection and sample size calculation are not clear.
• How was performed the calibration process of the examiner of dental caries?
• What about the pilot study?
• The discussion of the results is focusing on comparisons with other finding about dental caries experience. I would like to read an in depth discussion exploring the differences between the studies.
• The authors fail to refer to the relevant published studies from all over the world. Here are a few such articles:


Level of interest: An article of importance in its field
Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.