Reviewer's report

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

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Considerably improved with authors addressing all relevant issues raised. Minor edits required

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. Methodology states that attitude was assessed while this was not reported in the result section (expunged)

5. 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

6. Please correct references - 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 16, 19, 20

7. Table 3 - please report the percentages.

8. Table 4 - label as Percentage of total subjects with knowledge on oral health issues. Use this model to also relabel table 5

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Declaration of competing interests:

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