Reviewer’s report

Title: Stem cells in Dentistry: knowledge and attitude of Nigerian Dentists

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Reviewer: Peter Murray

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I congratulate the authors on this interesting research study. I found the manuscript to be interesting and relevant to dental practice. There have been a few other studies, but not based in Nigeria, so the research observations are novel. I recommend the Editor consider the manuscript for publication following some very minor changes. If the Editor is lacking room for publishing all the tables, some tables that do not show significant differences in survey responses may be removed. My comments are grammatical to try and help improve the clarity of the manuscript:

Abstract
1. Page 2. Line 1. “Objective: To determine…” I suggest objective be changed to “investigate” or “survey” whichever the authors like.
2. Page 2. Line 5. “…possessed additional qualification…” This is a bit ambiguous, please consider changing it to “postgraduate qualification”? 
3. Page 2. Line 17: I am not sure that the last sentence of the abstract is necessary because it is a bit unclear, perhaps it can be removed?

Introduction
4. Page 4. Line 2. Note the extra period “.” To be removed from the sentence.
5. Page 5. Line 4. I suggest a change from “Search revealed..” to “A literature search revealed..”
6. Page 5. Line 9: I suggest the word “determine” be changed to “investigate.”

Materials and Methods
11. Page 7. Line 4. The level of statistical significance is missing. I suggest the following be added “at a significance of P<0.05.”

Results
Discussion
14. Page 11. Line 7: I suggest “as non significant” be changed to “because a.”
15. Page 11. Line 8: I suggest “while: be changed to a “had a.”

References
17. All appear relevant and acceptable, you could also add the new survey article published by “Manguno.”

Tables
18. If the Editor is lacking space to publish all the tables, some tables/data without significant differences in responses may be removed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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