Reviewer's report

Title: Does twice daily tooth brushing address the oral health needs of children in Nigeria?

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. I don't think that the title represent the inferences of this manuscript. The author's insist include wider range of oral health policy for children.


   I don't know whether the authors provide new findings or insights in point of toothbrushing and dental caries.

3. If the authors want to argue and discuss about oral health policy for children in Nigeria, they should describe current resources, regulations, programs, and systems for oral health policy.

4. I agree that untreated caries is important issue in Nigeria, but all the important issues can not have high priority in oral health policy. Priority need to be decided by cost-effectiveness, acceptability, and feasibility. Especially, cost-effectiveness is the most important criteria in decision making for oral health policy. The authors need to provide the priority between alternative programs for children's oral health in Nigeria based on above mentioned criteria.

5. In the conclusion section, the authors insist that the management of untreated caries as children with untreated caries are five times more at risk of developing new lesions. I don't agree to that since it is not untreated caries itself but other risk factors causing untreated caries such as low SES and oral health literacy the reason why untreated caries could be a risk factor for dental caries.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests