Reviewer's report

Title: Oral Status, Oral Health knowledge, Attitudes and Behavior in rural children of Shanxi, western China

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Reviewer: Omolola Orenuga

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1. Major compulsory revisions
2. Minor essential revisions

The authors should provide the specific figures in the results section and not just use phrases such as "more than half"

Provide a structured result in line with the outlined objectives. This will give the reader a better understanding. The following suggested outline may assist the authors:

- Profile of children
- Caries experience
- Oral Health Knowledge/ Oral Health Behavior
- Correlates of dental caries and periodontal

The following articles may be of help to the authors

1. Poul Erik Petersen, Bin Peng, Baojun Tai, Zhuan Bian, Mingwen Fan
   Reference # 15 in the manuscript

2. Sweet preference, consumption of sweet tea and dental caries; studies in urban and rural Iraqi populations
   H. A. Jamel, Professor A. Sheiham*, R.G. Watt and C.R. Cowell

   Reference # 14 in the manuscript

Change the phrase 'baby teeth' to primary teeth

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

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.