Reviewer's report

Title: Association between knowledge of caries preventive practices, preventive oral health habits of parents and children and caries experience in children resident in sub-urban Nigeria

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This study assessed caries experience, knowledge and behavior related to preventive oral health among children aged 8 to 12 years old, in relation to their parents’ knowledge and behavior on preventive oral health. This subject is important to public health dentistry; the text was well written; I agree with methodological options adopted here.

I consider that this manuscript is a relevant contribution to the field. It documents nicely the oral health status of children in Nigeria, their knowledge and practices, and how these outcomes relate to their parents' knowledge and behavior. I commend authors for their nicely done study; this communication will certainly instruct and incentivize additional research on the theme.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest 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.