Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge about tooth avulsion and its management among dental assistants in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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Major Compulsory Revisions

GENERAL COMMENTS:
The aim of this study was to evaluate the level of knowledge about tooth avulsion and its management among dental assistants in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The topic is of interest however Insights should be provided for better understanding.

ABSTRACT
Material and Methods: Where the study was conducted? Is the study about permanent and primary tooth avulsion?

BACKGROUND
Although the introduction is well written and contemplate issues related to oral knowledge about tooth avulsion and its management, it is important to report the prevalence of avulsion in Saudi Arabia. Are there studies about prevalence of avulsion in Saudi Arabia? If yes, it is suggested to include in introduction.

METHODS
What is the Riyadh’ population?
Why were distributed 691 questionnaires?
Was performed the sample calculation? How participants were select? Randomly? Were included in larger hospitals, clinics, polyclinics and dental schools more dental assistants?
Is important to establish that the study is about the knowledge of permanent and primary tooth avulsion.

RESULTS
It is suggested to report how many dental assistants answered the questionnaire in private and public hospitals, clinics, polyclinics and dental schools in Riyadh. There are statistical difference in responses showed in table 2 and 3?

DISCUSSION
First paragraph: It suggested rewriting the aim according the abstract.
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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’