Reviewer's report

**Title:** The Distributions of Burden of Dental Caries in Children: A Critique of the High Risk Caries Prevention Strategy for Populations.

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General

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**Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)**

NONE

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**Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)**

On page 5, I believe that the second last sentence in the first paragraph should be: "Do "low risk" sub-groups develop LESS lesions than those with high caries levels?" The last word in this paragraph should be: increase (not increases).

On page 7, the last paragraph, second last line: "....with a baseline initial DMF-S of 0 of 0.81." There seems to be some mistake here - the sentence is not understandable.

Table 1. second column: DMF-S should be 0.61 and not 0.67 (according to what is written on page 6).

Table 2. third column should be "cumult." (not cumlt)

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**Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)**

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.